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NEVADA GRADUATION COLLEGE and CAREER READY CREDIT and ASSESSMENT REQUIREMENTS

To receive a high school diploma in Nevada, students must complete their required course work, earn the credits required by State law and by their district, and participate in assessments required by both State and federal law.

This document explains high school graduation requirements under Nevada law. Districts may have requirements that extend beyond State requirements.

Course of Study and Required Credits

Units of credit generally comprise one year of coursework and require at least 120 hours of instruction. Credit-earning courses are required by State law to be taught by all public high schools as a course of study, including but not limited to, for a standard diploma:

- Four units of English Language Arts
- Three units of Mathematics including at least Algebra I and Geometry
- Two units of Science including at least two laboratory courses
- Three units of Social Studies including
 - One-half unit of American Government
 - One-half unit of Economics and Financial Literacy
 - One unit of American History
 - One unit of World History or Geography

Additional courses must be made available to fulfill graduation credit requirements for all diploma types including but not limited to:

- The Arts
- Computer Science Education and Technology
- Health
- Physical Education

Permissible elective courses of study may include additional courses in the subjects listed above and may include but not limited to:

- Career and Technical Education (CTE)
- Employability Skills
- Great Basin Native Languages
- World Languages

Required Assessments

The State of Nevada and State Board of Education, in alignment with federal education law, have determined participation in the following assessments to be required for graduation:

- Class of 2023 and 2024 - ACT Plus Writing for college and career readiness
- Class of 2025 and 2026 - To be determined
- Civics Assessment

Types of Diplomas and Seals

There are two general-education and two inclusive-adaptive diplomas available by law to Nevada students graduating from public high schools. For specific credit requirements by diploma type, see the reverse side of this document.

- The Advanced Diploma requires credit units, GPA, and participation on the ACT.
- The Standard Diploma requires credit units and participation on the ACT.
- The Alternative Diploma requires credit units and participation on the NAA.
- The Adjusted Diploma is adapted to student needs according to an IEP.
- The College and Career Ready (CCR) Diploma requires credit units and GPA requirements of the Advanced Diploma plus additional advanced coursework and associated endorsement completion requirements.
- State Seals of Biliteracy, Civics, Financial Literacy, STEM, and STEAM require demonstrations of proficiency by GPA and/or assessment.

Standard Diploma	
Courses	Units
American Government	0.5
American History	1
Arts and Humanities*, JROTC, or CTE	1
Economics and Financial Literacy	0.5
English Language Arts	4
Health	0.5
Mathematics**	3
Physical Education	2
Computer Science Education and Technology	0.5
Science	2
College and Career Ready (CCR) Flex Credit	2
Electives*	6
Total	23

An individual course cannot be used to fulfill more than one unit requirement.

* Students are required to complete courses in Geography or World History to earn the **Standard Diploma**. Courses in Geography or World History can be taken to fulfill the requirement for Humanities or as an elective course. For students seeking the **Advanced Diploma** or the **College and Career Ready (CCR) Diploma**, courses in World History or Geography can be taken to fulfill requirements for Humanities, an elective course, or Social Studies.

** The sequence of courses to fulfill the Mathematics requirements for all three diploma types may include Pre-Algebra, Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II or higher.

College and Career Ready Flex Credit

Prepares recipients of a Standard Diploma for workforce engagement or continued studies, demonstrated by coursework in:

- Level II or III CTE Courses
- Fourth year of Mathematics (Algebra II or higher)
- Third year of Social Studies
- Third year of Science

Advanced Diploma or College and Career Ready (CCR) Diploma	
Minimum GPA: 3.25 (weighted or unweighted)	
Courses	Units
American Government	0.5
American History	1
Arts & Humanities*, JROTC, or CTE	1
Social Studies*	1
Economics and Financial Literacy	0.5
English	4
Health	0.5
Mathematics***	4
Physical Education	2
Computer Science Education and Technology***	0.5
Science***	3
Electives*	6
Total	24

An individual course cannot be used to fulfill more than one unit requirement.

*** Regarding the sequence of courses to fulfill the Math or Science requirement for the **Advanced Diploma** and the **CCR Diploma**, Computer Science can either fulfill a fourth credit in Mathematics or it can fulfill a third credit of Science. **It may not count in both areas.**

Additional College and Career Ready (CCR) Diploma Requirements

- Proficiency in speaking two or more languages (Seal of Bilingualism); OR
- Not less than two units of credit used to fulfill the required course units of credit (above) in one or more of the following course areas:
 - Advanced Placement (AP) courses
 - International Baccalaureate (IB) courses
 - Dual-credit courses
 - CTE courses
 - Work-based learning courses
 - World language course
- Must earn at least one of the two associated endorsements:

College-Ready Endorsement:

- Nevada System of Higher Education's Co-Requisite and College-Ready Gateway Policy (Board of Regents Handbook, Title 4, Chapter 16, Section I; e.g., ACT English ≥ 18 , ELA ≥ 20 , Math ≥ 22 ; SAT Evidence-based Reading and Writing ≥ 480 , Math ≥ 530 ; SBAC English ≥ 2583 (Achievement Level 3), Math ≥ 2628 (Achievement Level 3))

Career-Ready Endorsement:

- Pass one of the two State Board of Education's approved career-readiness assessments (ACT NCRC \geq Silver; or ASVAB ≥ 50); OR
- Earn the CTE Skill Attainment Certificate (NAC 389.800); OR
- Obtain an industry-recognized credential (approved and on GOWINN's Nevada Industry-Recognized Credential List).