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# 2017–2018 NEVADA GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

The Nevada State Board of Education has approved recommendations related to the transition from End of Course (EOC) examinations to End of Course finals as required by AB 7 from the 2017 legislative session.

The EOC final will be administered in the associated courses:

- Math I–Algebra I or an equivalent course that has been state approved
- Math II–Geometry or an equivalent course that has been state approved
- Integrated Math I–Integrated Math I or an equivalent course that has been state approved
- Integrated Math II–Integrated Math II or an equivalent course that has been state approved
- ELA–English 10 or an equivalent course that has been state approved

## Science

Science is a federally required exam in grades 5, 8 and high school—the high school Science assessment was developed as the EOC Science exam. This exam will remain the federally reported Nevada Science assessment offered in high school. It will not be an EOC final.

Administration of the high school Science assessment will be administered online, scored by the vendor, and reported by the vendor. The high school Science assessment is based on life science content and will be made available to accommodate district testing needs.

The EOC Science will have a participation only requirement but the State Board reserved the right to revisit that decision in the future. The high school Science assessment will be a point earning measure used within the Nevada School Performance Framework.

### Percentage of Final Grade

The State Board adopted a phased implementation of the EOC final:

- 2017–18 School Year:** No percentage requirement, district discretion to set a percentage of the student's final grade if it chooses to.
- 2018–19 School Year:** 10% of course grade.
- 2019–20 School Year:** 15% of course grade.
- 2020–21 School Year and Beyond:** 20% of course grade.

For the 2017–18 school year there is a requirement to pass the course but no state requirement that the EOC Final is passed or that the final count for a specific percentage of a student's grade. Starting in 2018–19 the EOC final will count at 10% of the student's final grade and increase 5 percentage points each year until reaching 20% of the grade in 2020–21. Students will also need to meet any district requirements.

### ACT

All Nevada juniors enrolled in a Nevada high school prior to the statewide ACT makeup day must participate in this exam.

The Nevada State Board of Education selected the ACT as Nevada's College and Career Readiness Assessment (CCR). Since this is an actual college entrance exam, results from this assessment can be submitted for college entrance by the student to their college or university of choice. The Nevada Board of Regents adopted a policy guaranteeing that students whose results on the ACT or SAT (in high school) meet specified college-ready benchmarks will be placed directly into college-level math and English courses and are exempt from being placed into remediation.

ACT scores will not be used to determine graduation eligibility. Only participating in the ACT with Writing is required.

All Nevada students who were enrolled as juniors during the ACT testing window, and seniors who have not yet taken the ACT and *were enrolled during this window*, will participate free of charge.

The ACT consists of multiple choice in four areas and a written essay: English, Mathematics, Reading and Science. The test will be administered at the student's school during the regular school day.

The ACT will be offered on Tuesday, February 27th, 2018, with a makeup day on March 20th, 2018. Students who participate in the ACT during a national testing day (Saturday) have met the participation requirement, but must provide evidence of participation to their local school district.