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NEVADA GRADUATION STANDARD AND ADVANCED DIPLOMA CREDIT & ASSESSMENT REQUIREMENTS

In order 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 required state assessments.

This document explains high school graduation requirements under Nevada law. Districts may have additional requirements that supplement or exceed state mandates.

Course of Study & 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 & Geometry
- Two units of Science including at least two laboratory courses
- Until June 30, 2022: Three units of Social Studies including
 - American Government, American History, and World History/Geography
- Beginning July 1, 2022: Three units of Social Studies including
 - One-half unit of American Government
 - One unit of American History and one unit of World History, or Geography
 - One-half unit of Economics

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 & Technology
- Health
- Physical Education

Permissible elective courses of study may include additional courses in the subjects listed above, and may additionally include (but are not limited to):

- World Languages
- Great Basin Native Languages
- Employability Skills
- Career & Technical Education

Required Assessments

The State of Nevada Legislature and State Board of Education have determined participation in the following assessments to be required for graduation:

- ACT Plus Writing for college and career readiness
 - ELA sections cover reading, writing, and English usage
 - Math section covers middle and high school math standards.
 - Science section covers content expected for college/career readiness.
- Civics Assessment

Types of Diplomas & 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 and year, 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 Diploma requires credit units and GPA requirements of the Advanced Diploma plus additional advanced coursework and associated endorsement completion requirements.
- State Seals of Biliteracy, Financial Literacy, STEM, and STEAM require demonstrations of proficiency by GPA and/or assessment.

Standard Diploma 2020 2021	
Courses	Units
American Government	1
American History	1
Arts and Humanities*, JROTC, or CTE	1
English	4
Health	0.5
Mathematics**	3
Physical Education	2
Computer Science Education & Technology	0.5
Science	2
Electives*	7.5
Total	22.5

Standard Diploma 2022+	
Courses	Units
American Government	0.5
American History	1
Arts and Humanities*, JROTC, or CTE	1
Economics*** 2023+	0.5
English	4
Health	0.5
Mathematics**	3
Physical Education	2
Computer Science Education & Technology	0.5
Science	2
College & Career Ready Flex Credit	2
Electives*	6
Total	23

Standard Diploma

Students are required to complete courses in Geography or World History in order 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.

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

***The changes to the Standards Diploma for social studies, regarding the economics requirement, begins July 1, 2022 and will impact the graduation class of 2023 and beyond.

Advanced Diploma 2020+	
Minimum GPA: 3.25 (weighted or unweighted)	
Courses	Units
American Government	1
American History	1
Arts & Humanities*, JROTC, or CTE	1
Social Studies*	1
English	4
Health	0.5
Mathematics**	4
Physical Education	2
Computer Science Education & Technology**	0.5
Science**	3
Electives*	6
Total	24

Advanced Diploma 2022+	
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*** 2023+	0.5
English	4
Health	0.5
Mathematics**	4
Physical Education	2
Computer Science Education & Technology**	0.5
Science**	3
Electives*	6
Total	24

Advanced Diploma

*For students seeking to earn the Advanced Diploma or the CCR Diploma, courses in World History and Geography can be taken to fulfill requirements for Humanities, an elective course, or Social Studies.

Regarding the sequence of courses to fulfill the Math or Science requirement for the Advanced Diploma and the CCR Diploma, Computer Science can be used to fulfill the third credit. **It is important to note that Computer Science can either fulfill a fourth credit in Mathematics as stated previously or it can fulfill a third credit of Science. It may not count in both areas.

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