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## NEVADA GRADUATION COLLEGE & CAREER READY 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 requirements.

### 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 and 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
  - Two units of American History, 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 include but not limited to:

- World Languages
- Great Basin Native Languages
- Employability Skills
- Career and 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, 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	
Courses	Units
American Government	0.5
American History	1
Arts and Humanities* JROTC or CTE	1
Economics	0.5
English	4
Health	0.5
Mathematics**	3
Physical Education	2
Computer Science and Technology	0.5
Science	2
College & Career Ready Flex Credit	2
Electives*	6
<b>Total</b>	<b>23</b>

\* Students are required to complete courses in Geography and World History to earn the **Standard Diploma**. Courses in Geography and World History can be taken to fulfill the requirement for Humanities or as an elective course. For students seeking to 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.

\*\* 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 & 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 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	0.5
English	4
Health	0.5
Mathematics***	4
Physical Education	2
Computer Science Education and Technology***	0.5
Science***	3
Electives*	6
<b>Total</b>	<b>24</b>

\*\*\* 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 Diploma Requirements

- Proficiency in speaking two or more languages (Seal of Biliteracy); 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 courses
  - International Baccalaureate 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  $\geq 18$ , ELA  $\geq 20$ , Math  $\geq 22$ )

#### Career-Ready Endorsement:

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