

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES
CARSON CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**REGULATION No. 517
STUDENTS**

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

The Board of Trustees shall award a high school diploma to every student enrolled in the Carson City School District who meets the requirements of graduation established by the Board and approved by the State Board of Education.

ACADEMIC PLAN

The District requires in each of its high schools that a counselor, administrator, or licensed educational personnel meets individually, at least once each school year, with each student enrolled in grades 9, 10, 11, and 12 to develop or review the student's academic plan. The parent or guardian has the right to waive this requirement on behalf of the student.

The academic plan is intended to be used as a guide for the student and the parent or guardian to plan, monitor and manage the student's educational development. The plan may include, without limitation, the designation of a fine arts pathway, enrollment in dual credit, career and technical education, advanced placement (AP), and/or honors courses.

A counselor, administrator, or other licensed educational personnel in each high school shall use the student's results on the college and career readiness assessment (if available), the results of a National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (if available), and the student's academic records to review with the student his or her academic strengths and weaknesses, in order to determine areas in which the student may need to work on to be prepared for college and career success without the need for remediation.

If the counselor, administrator, or other licensed educational personnel determines that remediation is necessary, the counselor, administrator, or other licensed educational personnel shall coordinate with the student and his or her parent or guardian to revise the academic plan to ensure that the student will be college and career ready.

A student who has fulfilled the requirements for a high school diploma, but has not fulfilled the plans set forth in the academic plan, will still be eligible to graduate.

DIPLOMA OPTIONS

Carson City students have the following diploma options: standard, honors, advanced, college and career, alternative, and adult education. The requirements for each of the respective diploma options are outlined in the following chart:

COURSE TITLE	STANDARD	ADVANCED	HONORS Only 2019-2020	COLLEGE/CAREER READY	ALTERNATIVE	ADULT ED
English	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0
Math	4.0	4.0*	4.0*	4.0*	3.0	3.0
Science	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	2.0	2.0
U.S. Govt.	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5		1.0
Economics	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5		0.0
U.S. History	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0		1.0
Social Studies	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	2.0	0.0
PE	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	0.0
Arts, Humanities, CTE, JROTC (Level III or IV)	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0**	1.0	1.0
Computer Science and Applications	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5
Health	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5
World Language (2) years of same language	0.0	0.0	2.0	0.0**	0.0	0.0
College/Career Flex Credit	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0 (2.0)***	0.0
TOTAL REQUIRED	18	18.0	20.0	18	15.0 (17.0)***	13.0
TOTAL ELECTIVES	6.0	6.0	6.0	6.0	7.5 (6.0)***	7.5
GRAND TOTAL	24	24.0	26.0	24.0	22.5 (23)***	20.5
Honors/AP/Dual Credit Courses	0.0	0.0	6.0	0.0**	0.0	0.0
Required GPA	N/A	3.25	3.75	3.25	N/A	N/A

See Appendix for requirements specific to each diploma type

Note: Carson High School does not offer an Adult Education Diploma

*Math – Includes Algebra II or higher

**See page 8, College/Career Ready Diploma, Section A

***Applies to the graduating class of 2022 and beyond

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REQUIRED ASSESSMENTS TO EARN A DIPLOMA

A. College and Career Ready Assessment – ACT

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

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

Although ACT scores are not used to determine graduation eligibility, participation in the ACT, including the written essay is required. Students who miss the Nevada College and Career Readiness assessment in their junior year, must take the test before the end of their senior year.

The ACT consists of a written essay and multiple choice questions in four areas: English, mathematics, reading and science. The test will be administered at the students’ school during the regular school day.

B. Science

Nevada’s science assessment is given in grades 5, 8, and high school in order to meet federal testing requirements. The high school science assessment is based on life science standards.

C. End of Course Finals

End of Course examinations are produced by the Nevada Department of Education (NDOE) and written to assess students’ mastery of the knowledge, skills, and abilities required by Nevada Academic Content Standards in required courses of study (NRS 389.520). Those courses include:

- Math I – Algebra I or an equivalent course that has been approved by the NDOE
- Math II – Geometry or an equivalent course that has been approved by the NDOE
- Integrated Math I – Integrated Math I or an equivalent course that has been approved by the NDOE
- Integrated Math II – Integrated Math II or an equivalent course that has been approved by the NDOE
- ELA – English II or an equivalent course that has been approved by the NDOE

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1. Percentage of Final Grade
 - a. Starting with the 2018-2019 school year, the End of Course final examinations will count 10% of a student's final grade and increase 5 percentage points each year until reaching 20% of the final grade in 2020-2021.
 - b. The State Board of Education adopted a phased implementation of the End of Course finals:
 - 2018-2019 School Year: 10% of course grade
 - 2019-2020 School Year: 15% of course grade
 - 2020-2021 School Year and Beyond: 20% of course grade
 - c. After entering grade 6, a student who is enrolled in or has completed any course for which an EOC examination is available is eligible to take the examination.

EXCEPTIONS

All students in the Carson City School District will automatically be enrolled in the District's course of study required for high school graduation unless they meet one of the following exceptions:

1. A student with a disability who does not satisfy the requirements for receipt of a standard high school diploma may receive a standard high school diploma if the student demonstrates, through a portfolio of the students' work, proficiency in the standards of content and performance established by the Council to Establish Academic Standards for Public Schools pursuant to NRS 389.520. Alternatively, the student may receive a diploma designated as:
 - a. An adjusted diploma if the student satisfies the requirements set forth in his or her Individualized Education Plan (IEP), or
 - b. An alternative diploma if the student:
 - i. Has a significant cognitive disability;
 - ii. Participates in the Nevada Alternate Assessment, and
 - iii. Earns the prescribed credit minimum for the student's graduating cohort.¹
2. A student who is transferred into a District high school as a junior or a senior who cannot earn the fourth math or the third science credit during his or her remaining school years before graduation. Determination of whether a student cannot earn the fourth math and/or third science credit will be made jointly in a conference with the student, parent or guardian, counselor and principal or his/her designee within 10 days of enrollment.
3. A student exempted through the formal course of study opt-out procedure.

The Superintendent has the authority to reduce a student's course enrollment for good cause.

¹ Pursuant to direction issued by the Nevada Department of Education, and pending final resolution in the 2019 Session of the Nevada Legislature. See NRS 390.600.

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Appendix A

DIPLOMA TYPES

The following is the required course of study for the Graduating Class of 2019 and beyond:

STANDARD DIPLOMA

- 18 units of credit for the required courses
- 6 units of credit for elective courses
- 24 units of credit total

<u>Course of Study</u>	<u>Credit Requirements</u>
English	4
Mathematics	4
Science	3
U.S. History	1
U.S. Government	½
Economics	½
Social Studies	1
*Computer Science and Applications	½
Physical Education	2
Health Education	½
Arts and Humanities, Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps (Level III or IV) or Career and Technical Education	1
Electives	6
Total	24

*One-half (½) credit of Computer Science and Applications is required. The Computer Science and Applications course in the middle school meets the high school Computer Science and Applications requirement. Students are still responsible for earning the total number of credits for each diploma type.

A student with a disability who does not satisfy the requirements to receive a standard high school diploma, may receive a standard high school diploma if the student demonstrates proficiency in the Nevada Academic Content Standards through a portfolio of his or her work.

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ADVANCED DIPLOMA

- 18 units of credit for the required courses
- 6 units of credit for elective courses
- 24 units of credit total
- Required GPA 3.25
- No F's/No W's on transcript

<u>Course of Study</u>	<u>Credit Requirements</u>
English	4
Mathematics	4
Science	3
U.S. History	1
U.S. Government	½
Economics	½
Social Studies	1
*Computer Science and Applications	½
Physical Education	2
Health Education	½
Arts and Humanities, Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps (Level III or IV) or Career and Technical Education	1
Electives	6
Total	24

*One-half (½) credit of Computer Science and Applications is required. The Computer Science and Applications course in the middle school meets the high school Computer Science and Applications requirement. Students are still responsible for earning the total number of credits for each diploma type.

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HONORS DIPLOMA (Applicable in 2019-2020 only)

- 20 units of credit for the required courses
- 6 units of credit for elective courses
- 26 units of credit total
- Required GPA 3.75
- *6 credits out of 26 total credits must be honors, AP, or dual credit courses
- No F's/No W's on transcript

<u>Course of Study</u>	<u>Credit Requirements</u>
English	4
Mathematics	4
Science	3
U.S. History	1
U.S. Government	½
Economics	½
Social Studies	1
*Computer Science and Applications	½
Physical Education	2
Health Education	½
World Language (2 years of same language)	2
Arts and Humanities, Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps (Level III or IV) or Career and Technical Education	1
Electives	6
Total	26

*One-half (½) credit of Computer Science and Application is required. The Computer Science and Application course in the middle school meets the high school Computer Science Application requirement. Students are still responsible for earning the total number of credits for each diploma type.

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COLLEGE AND CAREER READY DIPLOMA

- 18 units of credit for the required courses
- 6 units of credit for elective courses
- 24 units of credit total
- Maintained at least a 3.25 GPA (on a 4.0 grading scale, weighted or unweighted) for all units of credit applicable toward graduation)

<u>Course of Study</u>	<u>Credit Requirements</u>
English (including reading, composition and writing)	4
Mathematics (including Algebra II or higher)	4
Science	3
U.S. History	1
U.S. Government	½
Economics	½
Social Studies	1
*Computer Science and Application	½
Physical Education	2
Health Education	½
Arts and Humanities, Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps (Level III or IV) or Career and Technical Education	1
Electives	6
Total	24

- A. Must demonstrate proficiency in speaking not less than two (2) languages, or have earned not less than two (2) units of credit used to complete the required course of study in the following:
- a. Advanced Placement (AP) courses;
 - b. International Baccalaureate (IB) courses;
 - c. Dual-credit/dual-enrollment (DC) courses;
 - d. Career and Technical Education (CTE) courses;
 - e. Work-based learning courses; or
 - f. A world language course.
- B. Must obtain one or both of the following endorsements:
1. College-Ready Endorsement
 - a. Successfully complete a college readiness assessment prescribed by the Board of Regents of the University of Nevada; and

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- b. Receive not less than the minimum scores for initial (non-remedial) placement into college level English and math courses prescribed by the Board of Regents of the University of Nevada.
 2. Career-Ready Endorsement
 - a. Successfully complete the ACT National Career Readiness Certificate (NCRC), level Silver or above;
 - b. Successfully complete the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB), score 50 or above;
 - c. Obtain a Career and Technical Education Skills Attainment Certificate; or
 - d. Obtain an industry-recognized credential
- C. Minimum Course Enrollment
- In order to count a student enrolled in grade 12 for apportionment purposes, the District is required to demonstrate that a student is prepared for college and career success without the need for remediation. If the student is not, the student must be enrolled in a minimum of six (6) courses or the equivalent of six (6) periods per day; or demonstrate that the student is preparing for college and career success without the need for remediation by demonstrating the following:
1. Be on track to earning an advanced diploma (NAC 389.663), with no more than 14 course credits remaining; or
 2. Be on track to earning a college and career ready diploma by successfully demonstrating at least one (1) in the following course work, assessment, or credential areas:
 - a. Assessment
 - i. ACT score of 18 English/22 Math;
 - ii. SAT score of 500 in critical Reading/500 Math;
 - iii. National Career Readiness Certificate (NCRC) with a Silver;
 - iv. Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB) score of 50;
 - b. Coursework
 - i. Complete two (2) honors courses achieving a “B” or higher in the 9th grade;
 - ii. Complete one (1) AP course achieving a “B” or higher in the 9th or 10th grade or achieving a “3” or higher on the AP exam;
 - iii. Enrollment in two (2) AP courses achieving a “C” or higher in 11th grade;
 - iv. Complete dual credit/Jump Start course achieving a “B” or higher in 11th grade (this means a “B” in at least one course; not all courses);
 - v. Enrollment in one (1) dual credit/Jump Start course in 12th grade; or
 - vi. Enrollment in a level 3 CTE course achieving a “B” or higher in the CTE program of study;
 - vii. Completion of level 2 CTE course, achieving a “B” or higher in the CTE program of study;

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- viii. Enrollment in one (1) approved Work-Based Learning (WBL) course that aligns with high priority, in-demand occupations identified by the State of Nevada; ~~or~~
- ix. Completion of one (1) approved WBL course that aligns with high-priority, in-demand occupations identified by the State of Nevada; or
- c. Credentials
 - i. Obtaining of the CTE Skills Attainment Certificate; or
 - ii. Obtaining of an industry-recognized credential listed in the Nevada's Eligible Industry Credentialing List.

The District will accept International Baccalaureate (IB) transfer credits towards a College and Career Ready diploma.

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ALTERNATIVE DIPLOMA

A student with a disability who does not satisfy the requirements for a standard diploma may receive an alternate diploma if the student:

1. Has a significant cognitive disability; and
2. Passes the Nevada Alternate Assessment (NAA)

Requirements for the Classes of 2019, 2020, 2021:

- 15 units of credit for the required courses
- 7.5 units of credit for elective courses
- 22.5 units of credit total
- Pass the Nevada Alternate Assessment*²

<u>Course of Study</u>	<u>Credit Requirements</u>
English	4
Mathematics	3
Science	2
Social Studies	2
**Computer Science and Application	½
Physical Education	2
Health Education	½
Arts and Humanities, Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps (Level III or IV) or Career and Technical Education	1
Electives	7 ½
Total	22 ½

*According to the Nevada Department of Education, this requirement may change with the 2019 Legislative Session to require “Participation in the Nevada Alternate Assessment” rather than passing the assessment. See footnote 2, below.

**One-half (½) credit of Computer Science and Application is required. The Computer Science and Application course in the middle school meets the high school Computer Science and Application requirement. Students are still responsible for earning the total number of credits for each diploma type.

² Pursuant to direction issued by the Nevada Department of Education, and pending final resolution in the 2019 Session of the Nevada Legislature, a student a significant cognitive disability who does not satisfy the requirements for a standard diploma may receive an alternate diploma if the student -- participates in the Nevada Alternate Assessment, and earns the prescribed credit minimum for the student's graduating cohort. See NRS 390.600 and footnote 1 hereof.

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ALTERNATIVE DIPLOMA (cont.)

Requirements for the Class of 2022 and beyond:

- 17 units of credit for required courses
- 6 units of credit for elective courses
- 23 units of credit total

<u>Course of Study</u>	<u>Credit Requirements</u>
English	4
Mathematics	3
Science	2
Social Studies	2
*Computer Science and Application	½
Physical Education	2
Health Education	½
Arts and Humanities, Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps (Level III or IV) or Career & Technical Education	1
College and Career Flex Credit	2
Electives	6
Total	23

*One-half (½) credit of Computer Science and Application is required. The Computer Science and Application course in the middle school meets the high school Computer Science and Application requirement. Students are still responsible for earning the total number of credits for each diploma type.

College and Career Flex Credit includes:

- Level II or Level III course in a CTE program of study; or
- 4th year of math; or
- 3rd year of social studies; or
- 3rd year of science

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ADULT ED DIPLOMA

- 13 units of credit for the required courses
- 7.5 units of credit for elective courses
- 20.5 units of credit total

<u>Course of Study</u>	<u>Credit Requirements</u>
English	4
Mathematics	3
Science	2
U.S. History	1
U.S. Government	1
*Computer Science and Application	½
Health Education	½
Arts and Humanities, Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps (Level III or IV) or Career & Technical Education	1
Electives	7 ½
Total	20 ½

*One-half (½) credit of Computer Science and Application is required. The Computer Science and Application course in the middle school meets the high school Computer Science and Application requirement. Students are still responsible for earning the total number of credits for each diploma type.

For further information please refer to District Policy and Regulation 509, Mandatory Attendance: Withdrawal from School: Adult Education Program

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References:

Generally: NRS 388.380; 389.009; 389.018; 389.600; 389.670

Academic Plan: NRS 388.205, 390.610

Examination: NRS 385.080, NAC 389.6552

Diploma: NAC 389.663, 389.664, 389.696; NRS 390.600, 385.110, 389.800, 389.018

Credit by Exam: NRS 389.171

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