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# 2016–2017 High School

## GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

### End of Course (EOC) Examinations

Beginning with the graduating class of 2017, Nevada's End of Course (EOC) examinations will take the place of the High School Proficiency Examination (HSPE) as a graduation requirement for a Nevada standard diploma. The classes of 2017 and 2018 will be required to **PARTICIPATE** in four EOC examinations and **PASS** the associated aligned courses in order to be graduation eligible. For the class of 2019 and beyond, students will need to **PASS** the EOC examinations indicated and **PARTICIPATE** in the aligned courses.

EOC examinations are administered in the spring of each school year. Students take the EOC examinations after completing the aligned course or for retakes, regardless of when that course is taken during a student's high school career.

The EOC examinations available for students are:

- English Language Arts I with a focus on Reading Comprehension
- English Language Arts II with a focus on Writing
- Math I with a focus on Algebra I
- Math II with a focus on Geometry
- Integrated Math I
- Integrated Math II
- English Language Arts (Reading and Writing for cohort 2020 and beyond)
- Science with a focus on Life Science (for cohort 2020 and beyond)

Beginning with the class of 2020 and beyond, ELA I and ELA II will be merged to form a combined English Language Arts EOC examination and a (Life Science) EOC examination will be added. All students in the class of 2020 and beyond will need to pass four EOC examinations to be eligible for a Nevada standard diploma.



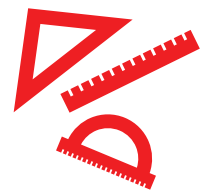

### ACT

- 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 plus 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 with Writing consists of multiple choice questions in five subject areas: English, Mathematics, Reading, Science, and Writing. The test will be administered at the student's school during the regular school day.
- The ACT will be offered on Tuesday, February 28th, 2017, with a makeup day on March 21st, 2017. 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.

### High School Proficiency Examination

Nevada's HSPE remains a graduation requirement for adult students as well as fifth year seniors. Students in the 2016 and prior graduation cohorts will need to pass four subject assessments (Math, Reading, Science and Writing) to obtain a Nevada standard diploma. Check with your local district for more information regarding the examination which will be offered during the weeks of October 17th, February 13th, April 10th and June 19th for the 2016–2017 school year.

# NEVADA END OF COURSE ASSESSMENT TRANSITION

School Year	13-14	14-15	15-16	16-17	17-18	18-19	19-20
Grade	9	10	11	12			
<b>Class of 2017</b> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Participate:</b> Four EOC examinations ((Math (MA) I (Algebra) &amp; MA II (Geometry) or Integrated MA I &amp; Integrated MA II, and English Language Arts (ELA) I (Reading) &amp; ELA II (Writing))</li> <li>ACT (College and Career Readiness Assessment)</li> <li>Grade 10 Science examination</li> <li><b>Pass:</b> Four courses aligned to the EOC examinations</li> </ul>						
<b>Class of 2018</b> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Participate:</b> Four EOC examinations ((Math (MA) I (Algebra) &amp; MA II (Geometry) or Integrated MA I &amp; Integrated MA II, and English Language Arts (ELA) I (Reading) &amp; ELA II (Writing))</li> <li>ACT (College and Career Readiness Assessment)</li> <li>Grade 10 Science examination</li> <li><b>Pass:</b> Four courses aligned to the EOC examinations</li> </ul>						
<b>Class of 2019</b> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Participate:</b> Four courses aligned to EOC examinations</li> <li>ACT (College and Career Readiness Assessment)</li> <li>Grade 10 Science examination</li> <li><b>Pass:</b> Four EOC examinations ((Math (MA) I (Algebra) &amp; MA II (Geometry) or Integrated MA I &amp; Integrated MA II, and English Language Arts (ELA) I (Reading) &amp; ELA II (Writing))</li> </ul>						
<b>Class of 2020*</b> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Participate:</b> Four courses aligned to EOC examinations</li> <li>ACT (College and Career Readiness Assessment)</li> <li><b>Pass:</b> Four EOC examinations ((Math (MA) I (Algebra) &amp; MA II (Geometry) or Integrated MA I &amp; Integrated MA II, English Language Arts (ELA combined, Reading and Writing) &amp; Science (Life Science)).</li> </ul>						

Students who took an EOC examination in the 2015 administration and passed the course with which the exam is aligned are deemed to have passed that EOC examination based on the Nevada State Board of Education decision on March 17, 2016. Students in cohort 2019 and beyond must pass all remaining EOC assessments not taken in 2015.

Per NDE memo 8/28/2015, NDE will continue to provide access to the HSPE to students enrolled as fifth and sixth year seniors and those enrolled in Adult Education programs through the end of the 2017-18 academic year; and to special education students who are in school until 2020. After July 1, 2018, all students enrolled in Adult Education Programs will need to receive passing scores on four EOC Examinations, prescribed by the Nevada State Board of Education, to receive a Nevada high school diploma.

\*The ELA EOC examination will be combined into one assessment that will include Reading and Writing in the spring of 2017. The Science EOC examination will be administered in spring of 2017.