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2018–2019 NEVADA GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

In order to receive a high school diploma in Nevada, students must complete their required course work, earn the credits required by their district, and participate in required state assessments.

This pamphlet explains Nevada's high school assessment graduation requirements. Districts may have requirements that go beyond state mandates.

End of Course (EOC) Assessments

End of Course finals are produced by the Department of Education and written to assess student's mastery of the knowledge, skills and abilities required by Nevada Academic Content Standards in the required courses (standards available here: http://www.doe.nv.gov/Standards_Instructional_Support/Nevada_Academic_Content_Standards/). Those courses include:

- **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

Percentage of Final Grade

Starting with the 2018–19 school year, the End of Course final will count as 10% of the student's final grade and increase 5 percentage points each year until reaching 20% of the final grade in 2020–21. Students may have additional district requirements to meet.

The State Board adopted a phased implementation of the End of Course finals:

- **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.

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 and will be available online to accommodate district testing needs. The high school Science assessment will be administered online, scored by the vendor, and reported by the vendor.

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 (CCR) Assessment. 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 are not used to determine graduation eligibility. Only participating in the ACT with Writing is required.

The ACT consists of multiple choice questions 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.