

**2015 - 2016**  
**HSPE Testing Dates**  
**Non-Proficient Seniors**

*Reading, Math & Science*  
*October, 19-23, 2015*

*Writing*  
*October 21, 2015*

*Reading, Math & Science*  
*February 8-12, 2016*

*Writing*  
*February 10, 2016*

*Reading, Math & Science*  
*April 11-15, 2016*

*Writing*  
*April 13, 2016*

*Reading, Math & Science*  
*June 20-24, 2016*

*Writing*  
*June 22, 2016*

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## The High School Proficiency Exam (HSPE)

Seniors in the Class of 2016 are the last students required to pass the HSPE. The HSPE contains sections for reading, mathematics, science, and writing. The reading, mathematics, and science portions of the HSPE were administered for the first time in the spring of the student's 10<sup>th</sup>-grade year. The writing portion of the examination was administered for the first time in the fall semester of the student's 11<sup>th</sup>-grade year.

Students may retake these tests multiple times. Current 12<sup>th</sup> graders who still need to pass the HSPE in science or writing should inquire at their schools about eligibility requirements for the Alternative HSPE in science and writing. (See NAC 389.657 and 389.6575.)

## End of Course Examinations (EOCs)

Four End of Course Examinations are taking the place of the Nevada High School Proficiency Examinations, starting with the Class of 2017. Students will take the EOCs at the conclusion of the course, regardless of when that course is taken during a student's high school career. Most students take these courses during their freshman and sophomore years of high school.

This year, End of Course Exams will be given in the spring semester between April 25 and May 20, 2016, for the following subjects:

- 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

During this time of transition, the Classes of 2017 and 2018 (current 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> graders) must take the End of Course Exams, but do not need to achieve a certain score. The Class of 2019 (current 9<sup>th</sup> graders) must receive a passing score on the EOCs, which will be set by the State Board of Education.

## College and Career Readiness Assessment – The ACT

All juniors must take Nevada's college and career readiness (CCR) assessment. However, only participation in the assessment is required. For school year 2015-16, the State Board of Education chose the ACT as Nevada's CCR assessment. A student's ACT scores will not be used to determine graduation eligibility, but they can be submitted with college applications.

Nevada juniors will take the ACT Plus Writing, which consists of a 30-minute writing test and 215 multiple-choice questions in four subject areas: English, mathematics, reading and science. The test will be administered at the student's school during the regular school day.

All Nevada juniors will take the ACT free of charge. This gives all Nevada students the opportunity to take a nationally recognized college admissions exam.

Why is this requirement important? Studies show that students who take the ACT are more likely to apply to and attend college. Parents and guardians can look at a student's ACT results and work together to determine the best college and career paths.

**ACT Testing Dates for All Juniors:**  
**March 1, 2016**  
**March 15, 2016 (make up test date)**

## Credit Requirements for a Standards Diploma

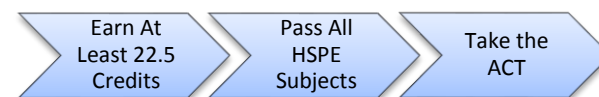
To receive a standard high school diploma, all students must earn a minimum of 22.5 credits, comprised of both elective and core subject classes.

Districts may add specific requirements for graduation above and beyond minimum state graduation requirements.

## GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

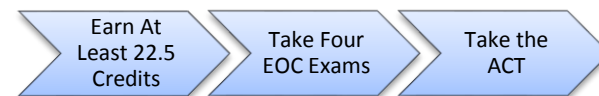
### CLASS OF 2016 (SENIORS)

Pass the High School Proficiency Exams and take the College and Career Readiness Assessment (ACT).



### CLASSES OF 2017 AND 2018 (JUNIORS AND SOPHOMORES)

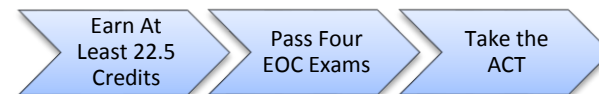
Take four End of Course Exams and the College and Career Readiness Assessment (ACT) – no High School Proficiency Exams!



*\*A science test will be administered to all sophomores on dates in April or May, as identified by schools. The test is not a graduation requirement and students will not need to attain a certain score in order to graduate.*

### CLASS OF 2019 AND LATER (FRESHMEN AND YOUNGER)

Pass four End of Course Exams and take the College and Career Readiness Assessment (ACT) – no High School Proficiency Exams!



*\*Current 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders who are enrolled in Algebra I and/or Geometry may take the Math I and II End of Course Exams.*