MARK YOUR CALENDARS

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2014 – 2015 TESTING DATES

11th/12th Grades
Reading, Math & Science
October 20 – 24, 2014

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11th/12th Grades
Writing
October 22, 2014

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11th/12th Grades
Reading, Math & Science
March 2 – 6, 2015

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11th/12th Grades
Writing
March 4, 2015

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12th Grade
Reading, Math & Science
April 27 – 29, 2015

11th Grade
ACT Plus Writing
April 28, 2015

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12th Grade
Writing
April 29, 2015

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11th Grade
ACT Plus Writing Retake
May 12, 2015

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12th Grade
Reading, Math & Science
July 6 – 10, 2015

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12th Grade
Writing
July 8, 2015

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NEW HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

BEGINNING WITH THE CLASS OF 2016

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In 2013 the Nevada State Legislature passed Assembly Bill 288, which changed Nevada's high school graduation requirements to ensure all students are ready for success in college and careers.

All students must still earn a minimum of 22.5 credits to receive a standard high school diploma. The Class of 2016 (11th-graders in the 2014-15 school year) will be the last students required to pass the Nevada High School Proficiency Exam (HSPE), which contains sections for reading, mathematics, science, and writing. New End of Course Examinations (EOCs) will replace the HSPE, beginning with the classes of 2017 and 2018 (9th and 10th graders in Fall 2014).

Additionally, all students in the 11th grade will take a new college and career readiness (CCR) assessment. The State Board of Education approved the ACT, a nationally-recognized college admission exam, as Nevada's new CCR assessment.

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NEW END OF COURSE EXAMINATIONS

Four End of Course Examinations are taking the place of the Nevada High School Proficiency Examinations. Each EOC measures how well a student understands the subject areas tested. Students take the EOC at the conclusion of the course, regardless of when that course is taken during a student's high school career.

This year, an EOC will be administered for the following subjects:

- Math I with a focus on algebra I
- Math II with a focus on geometry
- English Language Arts I with a focus on reading comprehension
- English Language Arts II with a focus on writing

These four EOCs will be given for the first time in the spring semester of 2015 as a paper and pencil test. During this time of transition, the classes of 2017 and 2018 (9th and 10th graders) will need to take the EOCs and no passing scores are required. The Class of 2019 (8th graders this year) will be the first class of students required to receive a passing score on the EOCs, which will be set by the State Board of Education.

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NEW COLLEGE AND CAREER READINESS ASSESSMENT – THE ACT

To be eligible for graduation, all students must now take Nevada's new college and career assessment in their junior year. For school year 2014-15, 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.

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 path to college and career.

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 pencil and paper test will be administered at the student's school during the regular school day on April 28, 2015. Students who miss the first ACT test date must take the make-up test on May 12, 2015.

For additional resources on Nevada's graduation requirements please visit **www.doe.nv.gov.**

CLASS OF 2015 (SENIORS)

NOTHING HAS CHANGED!

EARN AT LEAST 22.5 CREDITS + **PASS ALL HSPE SUBJECTS***

*Students in the Class of 2015 who didn't pass a section of the HSPE in the 10th and 11th grade must retake these tests until each section is passed.

CLASS OF 2016 (JUNIORS)

PASS THE HSPE AND TAKE THE NEW CCR ASSESSMENT!

EARN AT LEAST 22.5 CREDITS + **PASS ALL HSPE SUBJECTS*** + **TAKE CCR ASSESSMENT (ACT)**

*Students in the Class of 2016 who didn't pass a section of the HSPE in 10th grade must retake these tests until each section is passed. Students in the Class of 2016 must also take and pass their HSPE Writing test, which will be administered to this class for the first time on October 22, 2014. The ACT Writing test does NOT replace the HSPE Writing requirement.

CLASSES OF 2017 AND 2018 (SOPHOMORES AND FRESHMEN)

TAKE FOUR EOCS AND THE CCR ASSESSMENT – NO HSPE!

EARN AT LEAST 22.5 CREDITS + **TAKE FOUR EOC TESTS** + **TAKE CCR ASSESSMENT (ACT)**

CLASS OF 2019 AND LATER (EIGHTH GRADERS AND LATER)

PASS FOUR EOCS AND TAKE THE CCR ASSESSMENT – NO HSPE!

EARN AT LEAST 22.5 CREDITS + **TAKE FOUR EOC TESTS** + **TAKE CCR ASSESSMENT (ACT)**