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High School Proficiency Exam (HSPE) Requirements

Every student must pass the Nevada High School Proficiency Exam (HSPE) in reading, math, and writing in order to receive a standard or advanced high school diploma. Students who started 9th grade in or before 1998, need to achieve passing scores for the HSPE in reading, mathematics and writing. The content of these tests is based on the courses of study approved by the State Board of Education in 1994. The passing scores for the HSPE are set by the State Board. Principals and school counselors have current information about the minimum passing scores.

Students who started 10th grade in or after 2008, (graduating class of 2010) need to achieve passing scores for the HSPE in reading, mathematics, writing, and science. The content of these tests is based on the Nevada State Content and Performance Standards, approved by the State Board of Education in 1998. The passing scores for the new standards based HSPE are set by the State Board of Education. Principals and school counselors have current information about the minimum passing scores.

If students achieve a passing score on any portion of the HSPE they do not have to retake that portion of the test. However, if students do not receive a passing score the first time, they may retake the HSPE until they receive a passing score as outlined by state testing guidelines.

END OF POLICY
