

NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

April 18, 2016

9:00 a.m.

Department of Education
700 East Fifth Street
Board Conference Room
Carson City, Nevada

And

Department of Education
9890 South Maryland
Board Conference Room
Las Vegas, Nevada

MINUTES OF REGULATION WORKSHOPS

DEPARTMENT STAFF PRESENT:

In Carson City

Steve Canavero, Deputy Superintendent, Student Achievement
Karen Johansen, Administrative Assistant

In Las Vegas

Tricia Cook, Administrative Assistant

LEGAL STAFF PRESENT:

In Carson City

Greg Ott, Deputy Attorney General

AUDIENCE IN ATTENDANCE:

In Carson City

Mary Pierczynski, Nevada Association of School Superintendents

In Las Vegas

Jeanne Donadio, Clark County School District

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m.

Public Comment #1

There was no public comment.

Workshop to Solicit Comments on Proposed Amendments to R050-16; NAC Chapter 385 and NAC Chapter 389. The proposed amendment to NAC 385.408 Minimum passing scores - changes the standard score for the GED® Test from 150 to 145. The proposed amendment to NAC 389.694

Waiver of credits for adult standard diploma - changes the scores which a person must achieve on the GED Testing Service (2014 Series) assessment to waive credits for an adult standard diploma.

The workshop opened at 1:01 p.m. There was one person in attendance in Las Vegas and one person in attendance in Carson City.

Mike Raponi, director, Office of Career Readiness, Adult and Education Options, explained the regulation change is based on a historical pattern. The Nevada Department of Education (NDE) has always aligned the regulation with the recommended cut scores from the assessment vendor. In January 2014 GED released its new exam and set a cut score of 150 and the test has been operating since then. Based on their analysis, they are readjusting the cut score down to 145. This regulation stays the course for how it is aligned to the GED cut scores. Concern has been expressed that the NDE is reducing standards. Instead the NDE is keeping the cut score the same as the GED cut score. The majority of states in the country align their state scores with the recommended GED cut scores. This is normal and remains the same as it has been in the past.

Currently there are 200-300 students that have fallen in the range of 145-149, since January, 2014. The regulation is retroactive to take proper corrective action so those students can get their GED certificate. Also, the score is adjusted for the waiver of credits for the adult high school diploma. He clarified GED decided to change the cut score to 145 in January, 2016.

There were no comments.

The workshop closed at 1:13 p.

Public Comment #2

Public Comment will be taken during this agenda item. No Action may be taken on a matter raised under this item until the matter is included on an agenda as an item on which For Possible Action may be taken.

There was no public comment.

The meeting adjourned at 1:13 pm