

NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Notice of Workshop to Solicit Comments on Proposed Regulation

The Nevada Department of Education is proposing regulation language pertaining to the Nevada Administrative Code. The Workshop has been scheduled for **July 31, 2017** via video conference at the following locations: **Nevada Department of Education Offices, Board Conference Room, 700 East Fifth Street, Board Room, Carson City and 9890 South Maryland Parkway, 2nd Floor Board Conference Room, Las Vegas, Nevada.** The purpose of the Workshop is to solicit comments from interested person on the following general topics to be addressed in a proposed regulation:

9:35 A.M. Workshop to solicit comments on proposed amendments to NAC Chapter 389, relating to the standards of instruction in the content area of health. The proposed amendments revise the language in NAC 389.2423 Grades Pre-Kindergarten through 2nd grade, NAC 389.2938 Grades 3 through 5, NAC 389.381 Grades 6 through 8, NAC 389.455 Grades 9 through 12, to reflect the inclusion of Personal Safety Standards for Students, as required in Senate Bill 394 (Chapter 389, Statutes of Nevada, 2015).

A copy of all materials relating to the proposal may be obtained at the workshop or by contacting by telephone Karen Johansen, State Board of Education Office, Nevada Department of Education, at 775-687-9225, or in writing to the Department of Education, 700 East Fifth Street, Carson City, Nevada 89701-5096. A reasonable fee for copying may be charged.

This *Notice of Workshop to Solicit Comments on Proposed Regulation* has been sent to all persons on the agency's mailing list for administrative regulations and posted at the following locations: The offices of the Nevada Department of Education in Carson City and Las Vegas, the 17 Nevada School District Superintendents' Offices, the 17 Nevada County main public libraries, the Nevada State Library and Archives, and at the meeting locations.

NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
SMALL BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT
PURSUANT TO NRS 233B.0608

DATE: July 7, 2017

RE: Public Workshop to Solicit Public Comments Regarding Regulations Concerning Amendments to NAC Chapter 389, Revised Standards to the Nevada Academic Content Standards for Health scheduled for July 31, 2017.

I, Steve Canavero, being the duly appointed Superintendent of Public Instruction of the Nevada Department of Education, do hereby certify that, to the best of my knowledge or belief:

1. The proposed new amendments to revise NAC Chapter 389 concerning the proposed additions to the Nevada Academic Content Standards for Health are not likely to (a) impose a direct or significant economic burden upon a small business, or (b) directly restrict the formation, operation or expansion of a small business.
2. A concerted effort was made to determine any economic burden.
3. All relevant materials were reviewed and the Department considered its history with implementing similar regulations; the proposed changes are within the historic scope of the Department's activities and present no significant cost of enforcement.
4. Comment has not been solicited from small businesses, and no summary of their response is provided, because small businesses are not impacted by this regulation and thus no burden or economic impact can be assessed.

I hereby further certify that, to the best of my knowledge or belief, a concerted effort was made to determine the impact of the regulation on small businesses and that information contained in this statement was prepared properly and is accurate.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Steve Canavero". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

STEVE CANAVERO, Ph.D.
Superintendent of Public Instruction

Proposed amendments to the Nevada Academic Content Standards for Health

The proposed changes regarding the health content area will revise the language in NAC 389.2423 (Pre-Kindergarten through 2nd grade), NAC 389.2938 (3rd through 5th grades), NAC 389.381 (6th through 8th grades), NAC 389.455 (high school), to reflect the inclusion of Personal Safety Standards for students.

These proposed additions to the Nevada Academic Content Standards for Health (NVACS-Health) reflect the work outlined highlight the work done by Senators Roberson, Hardy, Farley, Hammond and Harris & Assemblypersons Hickey and Woodbury. These proposed additions to NVACS-Health address the following:

- Primary prevention involves strategies that stop violence before it initially occurs. These strategies reduce the factors that put people at risk for experiencing violence. They also increase the factors that protect people or buffer them from risk.
- Prevention methods must be comprehensive in nature – including targeting students, schools, and youth-serving staff.
- By utilizing primary prevention methods in the education of children about self-protection and speaking out, they will be able to better protect themselves.
- By proactively building competencies in children, several other important goals will be achieved.
 - Children are less likely to be abused.
 - Children are more likely to come forward immediately if they are abused.
 - Children are more likely to be referred to appropriate services and less likely to suffer long term negative effects, thereby consuming societal resources.
- Through adopting these Child Safety Standards as a strand within the current health standards, students will understand such things as:
 - How to be a supportive bystander
 - How to set personal boundaries
 - How to avoid certain risk factors
 - How to be safe on social media and smart phones
 - How to avoid grooming tactics by potential abusers
 - Where to go for help for self or others, and
 - How to build self-esteem and assertiveness.