



# Extended Studies

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## Acceptance of Home-Schooling Credits for High School Enrollment

Parents/Guardian enrolling a student from a home instruction program into the Washoe County School District (WCSD) high school must provide an official transcript from an accredited institution listing the courses/credits awarded by that institution. Transcripts must be submitted for evaluation to the student's high school registrar. Course work and/or grade printouts will not be considered in lieu of an official transcript from the accredited institution.

Per WCSD policies and regulations, WCSD may accept credits from a home school program with an accrediting body listed in NAC 389.680. WCSD will not accept any courses/credits from a non-accredited program or from a program not listed in NAC 389.680. If the courses taken were not accredited, the student will be offered a mastery exam to demonstrate mastery in each of the courses for high school credit consideration. Additionally, WCSD will not accept courses/credits for courses in religion (NRS388.150, NAC 389.676).

Regardless of the number of credits accepted for transfer, to graduate from a WCSD high school, the home-schooled student must complete all requirements for graduation. After the official transcript has been evaluated, you will be notified of your student's placement by the school of enrollment and of the credit evaluation results.

## VARIOUS DIPLOMAS & REQUIRED COURSES/CREDITS FOR GRADUATION

The credit requirements for each diploma type are listed below:

Course Title	WCSD Standard (2022 + grads)	State Advanced	State College and Career Ready+	WCSD Honors
English	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0
Math ( <i>Must include Algebra 1, Geometry &amp; Algebra 2 or equivalent</i> )	3.0	4.0	4.0	4.0 <sup>Δ</sup>
Science	2.0	3.0	3.0	3.0 <sup>†</sup>
American Government	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5
Economics/Financial Literacy	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5
U.S. History	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
World History/World Geography	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
PE/HSROTC	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0
Arts/Humanities/CTE/HSROTC 5-6/7-8	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
Computer Literacy	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5
Health	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5
World Language	-0-	-0-	-0-	2.0*



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Electives	6.0	6.0	6.0	4.0
Flex Credit**	1.0	-0-	-0-	-0-
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>23.0</b>	<b>24.0</b>	<b>24.0</b>	<b>24.0</b>
# of Honors Credits				<b>8</b>
Required Cumulative GPA		3.25 on a 4.0 scale (no rounding)	3.25 on a 4.0 scale (no rounding)	3.40 on a 4.0 scale (no rounding)

Δ Algebra 1; Geometry; Algebra 2 (or their equivalents); plus 1 or more math classes beyond Algebra 2

† Two credits must be in Biology, Chemistry, or Physics

\* Two credits in the same world language

\*\* Flex credits can be: 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> year CTE course in one program of study provided the prerequisite course was passed, a 4<sup>th</sup> year of mathematics Algebra 2 or higher, a 3<sup>rd</sup> year of science or a 4<sup>th</sup> year of social studies

+ This diploma also requires additional coursework and either a college or career endorsement to earn the diploma (see page 3).

### NEVADA ASSESSMENTS REQUIRED FOR GRADUATION

Students must participate in the Nevada high school assessments prescribed by law as a diploma requirement for their respective graduating class. High performance on the college and career readiness and/or civics assessments may be used toward meeting requirements for the state seals awarded with a diploma.

To graduate from a Nevada high school with a Standard, Advanced, College and Career Ready or Honors diploma, students must participate in a College and Career Readiness assessment selected by the Nevada State Board of Education pursuant to Nevada Revised Statutes 390.600 and 390.610. Students will take this assessment during their junior/11th grade year.

Pursuant to Nevada Revised Statutes 390.600, to graduate from a Nevada high school with an Alternative diploma a student must participate in the Nevada Alternate assessment during their junior/11th grade year.

All students must participate in a civics examination pursuant to Nevada Revised Statute 389.009. Most students will take the required civics examination as part of the Government course.

### TYPES OF DIPLOMAS OFFERED TO WCSD STUDENTS

**WCSD Standard Diploma (2022 and beyond):** This student will have completed a minimum of 23 credits with all requirements met and will have taken the College and Career Readiness assessment and the civics examination prescribed by the State as a diploma requirement for their respective graduating class.

**Advanced Diploma:** This student will have completed a minimum of 24 credits, including all requirements for a standard diploma plus one additional credit of science (total 3 credits) and one additional credit of math (total 4 credits) with a minimum of 3.25 cumulative GPA, weighted or unweighted (no rounding) including all credits applicable toward graduation, and will have taken the College and Career Readiness assessment prescribed by the State as a diploma requirement for their respective graduating class.



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**College & Career Ready Diploma:** This student will have completed a minimum of 24 credits for an Advanced Diploma and demonstrated the following:

1. Proficiency in speaking not less than 2 languages or have earned not less than two credits in one or more of the areas below:
  - a. Advanced Placement courses; or
  - b. International Baccalaureate courses; or
  - c. Dual credit courses; or
  - d. Career and Technical Education courses; or
  - e. Work-based Learning or Internship courses; or
  - f. World Language courses
2. Earned one or both endorsements:
  - a. College Ready Endorsement – This endorsement will be awarded to graduates who successfully complete the college readiness assessment prescribed by the Board of Regents of the University of Nevada and receive not less than the minimum scores for initial placement into college-level English and mathematics courses prescribed by the Board of Regents of the University of Nevada.
  - b. Career Ready Endorsement – This endorsement will be awarded to graduates who successfully complete a career readiness assessment, complete a CTE program of study and the Nevada Skills Certificate or obtain an industry recognized credential.
3. Taken the College and Career Readiness assessment and the civics examination prescribed by the State as a diploma requirement for their respective graduating class.

**WCSD Honors Diploma:** This student will have:

- Completed a minimum of 24 credits (20 required and 4 elective) including at least eight (8) qualified honors or AP/IB level classes, Algebra 2, at least two credits earned in high school in biology, physics and/or chemistry and two (2) credits in the same world language.
- Earned a minimum 3.40 cumulative GPA, weighted (no rounding), with no course failures during the last two years, unless the course is repeated to remove the "F" from the transcript.
- Taken the College and Career Readiness assessment and the civics examination prescribed by the State as a diploma requirement for their respective graduating class.

This diploma is designed to reward students who take and succeed in the most challenging academic program that the high school has to offer. NOTE: Students who earn an Honors Diploma automatically qualify for an Advanced Diploma.

**Alternative Diploma:** The Alternative Diploma is available to students with disabilities who are assessed on the Nevada Alternate Assessment (NAA). Nevada's requirements for the Alternative Diploma align to the academic coursework and the College and Career Readiness assessment (ACT) requirements for students working to achieve a standard diploma. High school students who pursue the Alternative Diploma must complete the required number of credits and pass standards-aligned courses. Students who achieve an Alternative Diploma will be able to remain in school through the year of their 22nd birthday and those who choose to do so will continue to receive services under IDEA.

**Adjusted Diploma:** This student must be certified as a Special Education student. The student must have completed a minimum of 22.5 credits but may not have completed all the requirements for a Standard Diploma and/or may not have taken the College and Career Readiness and the civics examination assessment prescribed by the State as a diploma requirement for their respective graduating class. The



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student's IEP will specify the conditions under which they will receive an Adjusted Diploma. A student who accepts an Adjusted Diploma may work toward a Standard Diploma through the year of their 22<sup>nd</sup> birthday.

**High School Equivalency or Adult Diploma:** This high school does not issue an equivalency or adult diploma. For information about these programs, contact the Washoe RISE Academy for Adult Achievement at 775-337-9939.

### **TYPES OF SEALS AND ENDORSEMENTS OFFERED TO WCSD STUDENTS**

Recognition of each Seal/Endorsement earned will be affixed to the high school diploma and appear on the student's official transcript.

**Nevada Career & Technical Education Endorsement/Seal:** A student who satisfies the requirements for graduation from high school and successfully completes an approved sequence of courses leading to a completion course in a career and technical education program area must be awarded a high school diploma with a CTE endorsement on the front (NAC 389.815, 389.800) if the pupil has maintained a 3.0 grade point average in all classes applicable to the course of study and passed the end-of-program assessments prescribed by the Nevada Department of Education. See <http://cteae.nv.gov/> (Scroll down and click on Program Resources, then Course Catalog) for the current courses that comprise a course of study in each approved program area.

**Nevada State Seal of Biliteracy:** The Nevada State Seal of Biliteracy is an award given to high school graduates who have demonstrated proficiency in English and one or more world language(s). Students can demonstrate world language proficiency by taking one of the various language assessments offered by the WCSD.

**Nevada State Seal of STEM:** The Nevada State Seal of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) is an award given to high school graduates who have earned a 3.25 grade point average on a 4.0 scale or a 3.85 weighted grade point average, earned at least four credits in science, at least four credits in mathematics, and at least one credit in computer science, engineering, manufacturing, electronics, or a career and technical education program of study in information and media technologies or skilled and technical science. In addition, students must demonstrate proficiency in science and mathematics by passing one of the qualifying assessments offered in WCSD.

**Nevada State Seal of STEAM:** The Nevada State Seal of STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Mathematics) is an award given to high school graduates who have earned a 3.25 grade point average on a 4.0 scale or a 3.85 weighted grade point average, earned at least three credits in science, at least four credits in mathematics, at least one credit in computer science, engineering, manufacturing, electronics, or a career and technical education program of study in information and media technologies or skilled and technical science and one credit in fine arts. In addition, students must demonstrate proficiency in science and mathematics by passing one of the qualifying assessments offered in WCSD.

**Nevada State Seal of Financial Literacy:** The Nevada State Seal of Financial Literacy is an award given to high school graduates who have earned a 3.25 grade point average on a 4.0 scale or a 3.85 weighted grade point average, earned at least three credits in a subject area in which instruction on financial literacy



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is provided; and either a grade of B or higher in a college-level course in which instruction on financial literacy is provided; or earn a score of gold or higher on the ACT National Career Readiness Certificate.

**Nevada State Seal of Civics:** The Nevada State Seal of Civics is award given to high school graduates who have earned a 3.25 grade point average on a 4.0 scale or a 3.85 weighted grade point average, earned at least three credits in social studies; and a score of at least 90% on the examination for civics required pursuant to NRS 389.009; a satisfactory score in citizenship and completes a service-learning project.

Please call your WCSD high school counselor or registrar for any questions concerning your child's graduation pathway.