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MEMORANDUM

TO: All School District Superintendents

Charter School Sponsors

FROM: Dr. Jonathan P. Moore, Deputy Superintendent for Student Achievement

DATE: July 27, 2021

SUBJECT: Flex Credit Requirements for the Standard Diploma

This memo is intended to provide guidance regarding the Flex Credit requirements for the Standard Diploma effective for students as of the graduating class of 2022. To better support our students in being career-ready and globally prepared upon high school graduation, the Nevada State Board of Education adopted new criteria for students to earn a standard high school diploma in 2018. These requirements included increasing the number of credits to graduate from 22.5 credits to 23 credits and requiring that two (2) credits be applied to college or career readiness, known as the College and Career Ready Flex Credit.

The College and Career Ready Flex Credit prepares recipients of a Standard Diploma for workforce engagement or continued studies by demonstrating two credits of coursework in:

- Level II or III Career and Technical Education (CTE) courses
- Fourth-year Mathematics (Algebra II or higher)
- Third-year Social Studies
- Third-year Science

To use a Level II or III CTE course for Flex Credit, a student must have successfully completed the prerequisite CTE course(s), including but not limited to a Level I CTE course, in the program of study as identified in the <u>Nevada Career and Technical Education Course Catalog</u>.

To use a fourth-year mathematics (Algebra II or higher) or a third-year social studies or science for Flex Credit, a student must successfully complete the full year of coursework in the subject. Students are not allowed to use partial credits, such as a half-credit earned in two or more of the eligible courses towards the Flex Credit requirements.

For questions regarding CTE courses, please contact Craig Statucki, Director of the Office of Career Readiness, Adult Learning, and Education Options at cstatucki@doe.nv.gov. For questions regarding mathematics, social studies, or science courses, please contact Dave Brancamp, Director of the Office of Standards and Instructional Support at dbrancamp@doe.nv.gov.