



## Administrative Regulation 6600 The Gateway Curriculum

**Responsible Office(s):** Office of Academics

### REGULATION

NOTE: The following administrative regulation does not affect the Washoe County School District **requirements** for graduation (see Board Policy 5127). The regulation below describes the course of study in which all high school students will automatically be enrolled unless they meet one of the exceptions described below.

#### 1. Course of Study

- a. All high school students in Washoe County School District will be enrolled in the following four-year high school course of study:

➤ English	4 years (4 credits)
➤ Mathematics, including Algebra 1-2, Geometry or Formal Geometry, and Algebra 3-4 at a minimum	4 years (4 credits)*
➤ Science, including at least two laboratory sciences	3 years (3 credits)*
➤ Social Studies, including U.S. History, U.S. Government, and World History or World Geography	3 years (3 credits)**
➤ Physical Education or approved alternatives	2 years (2 credits)
➤ Health or approved alternatives	1 semester (1/2 credit)
➤ Computers	1 semester (1/2 credit)
➤ Art, humanities, or occupational education	1 year (1 credit)
➤ Electives to complete diploma credit requirements	

\* Exceeds the state graduation requirement of 3 credits of mathematics and 2 credits of science

\*\* Washoe County School District requires 3 credits of social studies for graduation. The state requires 2 credits.

- b. Students will be enrolled in six (6) credits of classes in their senior year.

#### 2. Exceptions

- a. Students may be granted exceptions on a limited, case-by-case basis. Exceptions may be granted under the following conditions:

- i. Special Education students based on their IEPs;
    - ii. Students directly receiving English as a Second Language (ESL) services;
    - iii. Students transferring into Washoe County School District high schools as juniors or seniors who cannot earn the fourth mathematics or third science credit during the school year in their remaining school years before graduation. Determination of whether a student can earn the fourth mathematics and/or third science credit will be made jointly in a conference with the student, parent, counselor, and principal or curriculum assistant principal within 10 days of enrollment.
    - iv. Students who have on file in their permanent records a copy of the Exemption from the **Gateway Curriculum**, signed by the student and one parent or guardian through a process to be developed by the Superintendent and staff.
  - b. All transcripts of graduates from Washoe County School District high schools who have completed the **Gateway Curriculum** will indicate that the graduate has completed a course of study designed to prepare the graduate for the workplace and post-secondary education. This indication will appear if the graduate has completed all of the courses in the **Gateway Curriculum**, even if the student elected not to take six (6) credits in the senior year.
3. Responsibility
- a. It shall be the responsibility of each student's high school counselor to ensure that the student has enrolled in the appropriate classes unless that student meets the terms of one of the four exemptions described above. The Superintendent for Secondary Education shall ensure that middle and high school students, their parents or guardians, middle and high school counselors, and middle and high school administrators and teachers are informed on an on-going basis about the expectations of this course of study and of the limited exceptions available to students.
4. Accountability
- a. An annual report of the percentage of graduates who have completed this course of study will be made to the Board of Trustees. That information will

be disaggregated by student ethnicity, socio-economic status, and Special Education and Limited English Proficiency status.

**IMPLEMENTATION GUIDELINES & ASSOCIATED DOCUMENTS**

1. This document reflects the goals of the District’s Strategic Plan.
2. This document aligns with Board Policy 6600, The Gateway Curriculum.

**REVISION HISTORY**

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12/07/2004	1.0	Adopted