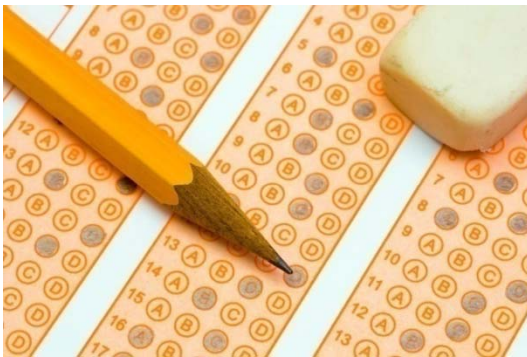
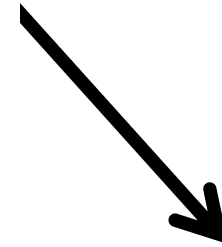
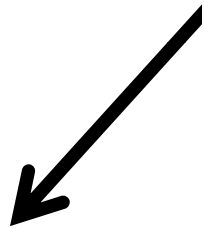




**What does my child need to
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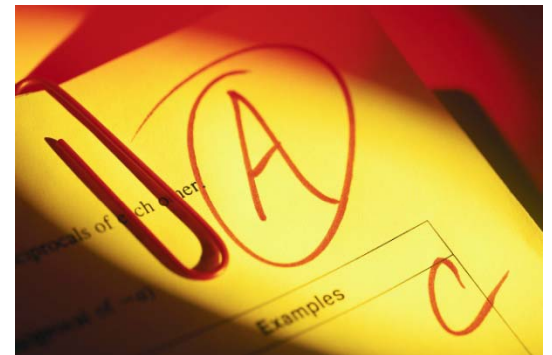
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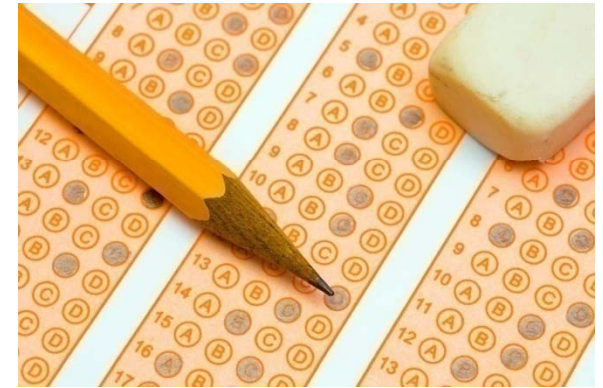
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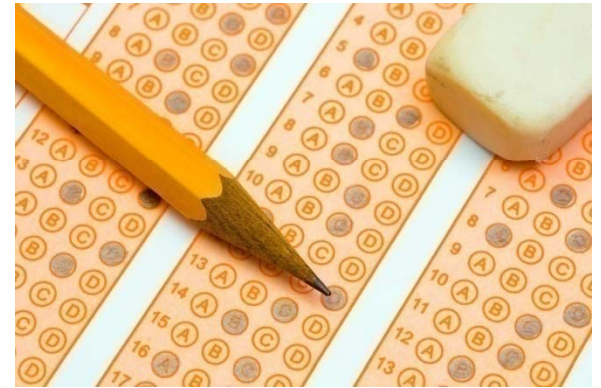
- **Nevada State Requirement for Graduation**

- **What** - 4 Tests – English, Math, Writing and Science

- **Why** – So that we know our students are able to read, write, understand basic science and do math when they graduate from high school and go on to college or a career

- **When** - Start taking Math, Reading and Science the spring semester of the 10th grade or second year (Sophomore) and Writing the Fall semester of 11th grade or third year (Junior). Students will have numerous opportunities to take the exams.

Proficiency Exam



•How do you **know** if your student passed the test? – Letters are sent home from the school. If you don't understand the letter or if it is not in your native language, call the school counselor and ask for help.

•How do you **help** your student if they don't pass the test?

1. Find out from your school if *study classes* are available
2. Help your student to *study or practice* for the exam

http://nde.doe.nv.gov/Assessment_HSPE.htm (Math, Reading & Science)

http://nde.doe.nv.gov/Assessment_WA.htm (Writing)

3. Help your student to *know when the next exam is* and to be prepared for that day

4. *Talk to your child's teacher(s)* for extra help

Attendance



•District Attendance Policy

•**What** - a student must attend school 90% of the year.

Example: The average **elementary school year** is 180 days so a student can only have 18 unexcused absences.

Example: In **middle and high schools** attendance is based on the class and the semester. Middle and High Schools vary in their class schedules and school days. **For Example: ABC High School has 89 days in a semester. A student cannot miss more than 9 days in EACH of his classes for the semester.**

Examples of unexcused absences include:

- staying home to care for siblings
- didn't feel like coming to school
- transportation issues or sleeping in too late

Examples of excused absences include:

- Family emergency
- Bereavement
- Legal and religious

If the student has **too many absences**, the student **may not be passed** to the next grade level and have to repeat the same grade.

Attendance



How do you **know** if your student's attendance is okay? –

1. Don't assume that your child is attending school, even if you drop them off everyday. They need you to help them meet their requirements.
2. Check your child's attendance on Edline.
3. Contact your child's counselor for questions and information.

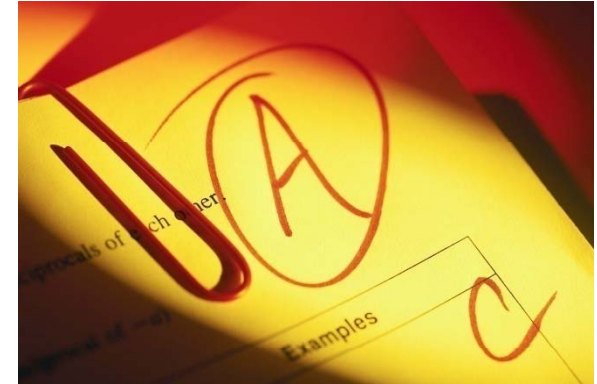
How do you **help** your student with attendance?

1. Make sure you write notes or communicate with the school if you have an **excused absence**.
2. Talk to the school if you go on an extended vacation with your student.
3. Help your student to get make-up work from their teachers if they are absent.
4. Check Edline weekly and talk to your child and the school **immediately** if there is a problem.

Credits & Grades

Passing Grades = “A, B, C or D”

Failing = “F” = NO CREDITS



1 semester (August to January *and* January to June) – 1 Class = $\frac{1}{2}$ credit

For example: 6 classes in a semester = 3 credits & 1 year = 6 credits

A student taking and passing 6 classes each semester for 4 years would earn:

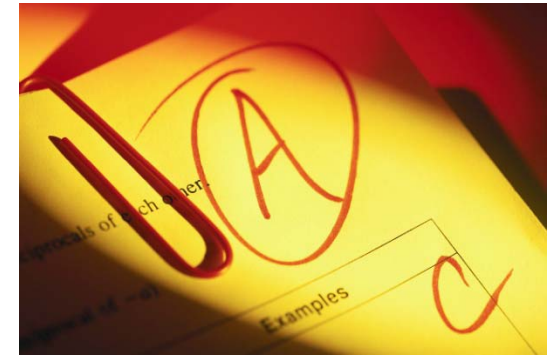
1st year – 9th - “Freshmen” – 6 credits

2nd year – 10th - “Sophomore” – 12 credits

3rd year – 11th - “Junior “ – 18 credits

4th year – 12th - “Senior” – 24credits

Credits & Grades



Needed to Graduate: 18 Required + 6 Electives = **24 credits**

Required (Gateway Curriculum):

English/Language Arts - 4 credits

Mathematics - 4 credits

Science - 3 credits

Computer Literacy - 1/2 credit

Physical Education or JROTC - 2 credits

Government - 1 credit

US History - 1 credit

Arts/Humanities - 1 credit

World History - 1 credit

Health or JROTC - 1/2 credit

Examples of Electives:

Foreign Languages, Wood Working, Auto Shop, Culinary, Home Economics, Work Study