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Notice of Intent to Act Upon a Regulation

Notice of Hearing for the Adoption of Regulations of the Commission on Professional Standards in Education
as proposed in LCB File #R102-26

The Commission on Professional Standards in Education will hold a public hearing **at 9:00 A.M. on Wednesday, September 16, 2026** via [livestream](#) and at the following locations: **Nevada Department of Education Offices at 700 East Fifth Street, Board Room, Carson City and 2080 East Flamingo Road, Room 114, Las Vegas, Nevada.** The purpose of the hearing is to receive comments from all interested persons regarding the amendment of regulations pertaining to Chapter 391.XXX, 391.277, and 391.279 of the Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) pursuant to the Nevada Revised Statute (NRS) 391.019.

The following information is provided pursuant to the requirements of Nevada Revised Statute (NRS) 233B.0603:

- 1. The need and the purpose of the proposed regulations and/or amendments:** In accordance with NRS 391.019, the Commission on Professional Standards in Education shall adopt regulations:
 - Prescribing the qualifications for licensing teachers and other educational personnel and the procedures for the issuance and renewal of those licenses.*
- 2. Description of the proposed regulation, or the subjects and issues involved:** The proposed regulation is relating to educational personnel; revising certain qualifications to receive an endorsement to provide services to pupils as an occupational therapist and occupational therapy assistant; revising certain qualifications to receive an endorsement to provide services to pupils as a physical therapist and physical therapist assistant; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.
- 3.** The revised text of the proposed regulation is attached to this notice.
- 4. Estimated economic effect of the regulation on the business which it is to regulate and on the public:** There is no economic effect of the regulation on the business that it regulates and no impact on the public.
- 5. Methods used by the agency in determining the impact on a small business:** Small business are not impacted by this regulation.
- 6. The estimated cost to the agency for enforcement of the proposed regulation:** No costs.
- 7. Description and citation of duplicative or overlapping regulations of other state or local**

governmental agencies: There is no duplication or overlap of regulations of state or local government agencies.

- 8. Is the regulation required by federal law?** This regulation is not required pursuant to federal law.
- 9. Does the regulation include provisions more stringent than a federal regulation regarding the same activity?** There is no federal law affecting or overlapping the proposed regulations.
- 10. Does the proposed regulation establish a new fee or increase an existing fee?** The proposed regulation does not establish a new fee or increase an existing fee.

A copy of all materials relating to the proposed regulation may be obtained at the hearing, on the [Commission on Professional Standards in Education webpage](#), by contacting the Commission on Professional Standards in Education, Nevada Department of Education, via email at COPS@doe.nv.gov, by telephone at (702) 668-4317 or in person at the Nevada Department of Education, 2080 E. Flamingo Rd. Las Vegas, Nevada. Persons wishing to comment upon the proposed action of the Commission on Professional Standards in Education may provide in- person testimony, submit written comment to the Commission on Professional Standards in Education via email at COPS@doe.nv.gov, or submit their comments, data, views, or arguments in written form to the Commission on Professional Standards in Education, Nevada Department of Education, 2080 E. Flamingo Rd. Las Vegas, Nevada 89119. Comments may be submitted via email leading up to and for the duration of the meeting, and those submitted via mail must be received by the Department on or before **Friday, September 11, 2026**. A record of all submitted comments will be retained, and the Commission will proceed to consider any public comment received.

This notice and the text of the proposed regulation has been sent to all persons on the agencies mailing list for the Commission on Professional Standards in Education, posted on the [Commission on Professional Standards in Education](#) webpage, [Nevada's Public Notice](#) webpage, the [Nevada State Legislature's Administrative Regulations notices](#) webpage, available in the State of Nevada Register of Administrative Regulations pursuant to NRS 233B.0653, and physically posted at the Nevada Department of Education Offices. Copies of this notice will also be emailed and/or mailed to members of the public upon request.

Notice required by NRS 233B.064: Upon adoption of any regulation, the agency, if requested to do so by an interested person, either before adoption or within 30 days thereafter, will issue a concise statement of the principal reasons for and against its adoption and incorporate therein its reason for overruling the consideration urged against its adoption.

**REVISED PROPOSED REGULATION OF THE COMMISSION
ON PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS IN EDUCATION**

LCB File No. R102-25

June 4, 2026

EXPLANATION – Matter in *italics* is new; matter in brackets ~~[omitted material]~~ is material to be omitted.

AUTHORITY: §§ 1-5, NRS 391.019.

A REGULATION relating to educational personnel; revising certain qualifications to receive an endorsement to provide services to pupils as an occupational therapist and occupational therapy assistant; revising certain qualifications to receive an endorsement to provide services to pupils as a physical therapist and physical therapist assistant; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

Existing law requires the Commission on Professional Standards in Education to adopt regulations, including, without limitation, regulations: (1) prescribing the qualifications for licensing teachers and other educational personnel; (2) identifying fields of specialization in teaching which require specialized training; and (3) setting forth the requirements a person must satisfy to qualify for an endorsement in each field of specialization. (NRS 391.019)

Existing regulations require that to receive an endorsement to provide services to pupils as an occupational therapist in a program of occupational therapy, a person must hold a license as an occupational therapist issued by the Board of Occupational Therapy in this State. (NAC 391.277) **Section 1** of this regulation requires that to receive such an endorsement, a person must also hold a bachelor's degree or higher degree in occupational therapy.

Existing regulations require that to receive an endorsement to provide services to pupils as a physical therapist in a program of physical therapy, a person must hold a license as a physical therapist issued by the Nevada Physical Therapy Board. (NAC 391.279) **Section 2** of this regulation requires that to receive such an endorsement, a person must also hold a bachelor's degree or higher degree in physical therapy.

Existing regulations require that to receive an endorsement to provide services to pupils as an occupational therapy assistant in a program of occupational therapy, a person must hold a license as an occupational therapy assistant issued by the Board of Occupational Therapy in this State. (Section 2 of LCB File No. R123-22) **Section 3** of this regulation requires that to receive such an endorsement, a person must also hold an associate's degree or higher degree in occupational therapy.

Existing regulations require that to receive an endorsement to provide services to pupils as a physical therapist assistant in a program of physical therapy, a person must hold a license as a physical therapist assistant issued by the Nevada Physical Therapy Board. (Section 3 of LCB

File No. R123-22) **Section 4** of this regulation requires that to receive such an endorsement, a person must also hold an associate's degree or higher degree in physical therapy.

Section 1. NAC 391.277 is hereby amended to read as follows:

391.277 1. To receive an endorsement to provide services to pupils as an occupational therapist in a program of occupational therapy, a person must hold ~~the~~ :

(a) A license as an occupational therapist issued by the Board of Occupational Therapy in this State ~~the~~ ; and

(b) *A bachelor's degree or higher degree in occupational therapy.*

2. A person who holds only a special license with an endorsement to provide services as an occupational therapist is exempt from the requirements of NAC 391.036 and 391.065.

3. Such an endorsement is ~~not~~ required to provide services to pupils as an occupational therapist in a program of occupational therapy.

Sec. 2. NAC 391.279 is hereby amended to read as follows:

391.279 1. To receive an endorsement to provide services to pupils as a physical therapist in a program of physical therapy, a person must hold ~~the~~ :

(a) A license as a physical therapist issued by the Nevada Physical Therapy Board ~~the~~ ; and

(b) *A bachelor's degree or higher degree in physical therapy.*

2. A person who holds only a special license with an endorsement to provide services as a physical therapist is exempt from the requirements of NAC 391.036 and 391.065.

3. Such an endorsement is ~~not~~ required to provide services to pupils as a physical therapist in a program of physical therapy.

Sec. 3. Section 2 of LCB File No. R123-22 is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 2. 1. To receive an endorsement to provide services to pupils as an occupational therapy assistant in a program of occupational therapy, a person must hold ~~the~~ :

(a) A license as an occupational therapy assistant issued by the Board of Occupational Therapy in this State ~~the~~ ; and

(b) *An associate's degree or higher degree in occupational therapy.*

2. A person who holds only a special license with an endorsement to provide services as an occupational therapy assistant is exempt from the requirements of NAC 391.036 and 391.065.

3. Such an endorsement is ~~not~~ required to provide services to pupils as an occupational therapy assistant in a program of occupational therapy.

Sec. 4. Section 3 of LCB File No. R123-22 is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 3. 1. To receive an endorsement to provide services to pupils as a physical therapist assistant in a program of physical therapy, a person must hold ~~the~~ :

(a) A license as a physical therapist assistant issued by the Nevada Physical Therapy Board ~~the~~ ; and

(b) *An associate's degree or higher degree in physical therapy.*

2. A person who holds only a special license with an endorsement to provide services as a physical therapist assistant is exempt from the requirements of NAC 391.036 and 391.065.

3. Such an endorsement is ~~not~~ required to provide services to pupils as a physical therapist assistant in a program of physical therapy.

Sec. 5. This regulation is hereby amended by adding thereto the following transitory language which has the force and effect of law but which will not be codified in the Nevada Administrative Code:

Notwithstanding the amendatory provisions of this regulation, a person who is employed pursuant to NAC 391.277, NAC 391.279, section 2 of LCB File No. R123-22 or section 3 of LCB File No. R123-22, as applicable, may continue his or her employment without obtaining the applicable endorsement if the person:

1. Is employed at a public school on or before the date on which this regulation is filed with the Secretary of State; and
2. Maintains continuous employment at the public school after the date on which this regulation is filed with the Secretary of State.

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Notice of Workshop to Solicit Comments on Proposed Regulation
August 10, 2026

The Commission on Professional Standards in Education is proposing regulation language pertaining to the Nevada Administrative Code (NAC). The Workshop has been scheduled for **Wednesday, September 16, 2026**, via [Livestream Link](#) and at the following locations: **Nevada Department of Education Offices at 700 East Fifth Street, Board Room, Carson City 89701 and 2080 East Flamingo Road, Room 114, Las Vegas, Nevada 89119**. The purpose of the Workshop is to solicit comments from interested persons on the following general topics to be addressed in a proposed regulation:

9:01 A.M. Workshop R013-26 to Solicit Comments on Proposed Amendments to NAC Chapter 391.XXX – Science of Reading Licensure Requirement, NAC 391.065 – Renewal of license: Educational and professional requirements; exceptions, NAC 391.070 – Renewal of license: General requirements; fee; delay of expiration date by Superintendent of Public Instruction, NAC 391.089 – Qualifications for license to teach pupils in a program of early childhood education, and NAC 391.095 – Qualifications for elementary license. The Commission will consider a regulation relating to educational personnel; requiring certain applicants for the issuance of a renewable license to teach early childhood & elementary education and applicants for the renewal of such a license to complete a course of instruction in foundational literacy skills; prescribing requirements concerning a course of instruction in foundational literacy skills; requiring an applicant for such a license to complete such a course while enrolled in a teacher preparation program or a program for an alternative route to licensure; and providing other matters properly relating thereto. The Commission may approve or not approve moving this regulation to a Public Hearing.

A copy of all materials relating to the proposal may be obtained at the workshop, on the [Meeting Materials page](#), by contacting the Nevada Department of Education, via email at geraldine.mendiola@doe.nv.gov, by telephone at 702-668-4317, or in person at the **Nevada Department of Education Offices at 700 East Fifth Street, Carson City 89701 or 2080 East Flamingo Road, Room 114, Las Vegas, Nevada 89119**. Persons wishing to comment upon the proposed action of the Commission may provide in-person testimony, submit written comment to the Commission via email at COPS@doe.nv.gov or submit their comments, data, views, or arguments in written form to the **Nevada Department of Education Offices, 700 East Fifth Street, Carson City 89701 or 2080 East Flamingo Road, Room 114, Las Vegas, Nevada 89119**. Comments may be submitted via email leading up to and for the duration of the workshop, and those submitted via mail must be received by the Commission on or before **Friday, September 11, 2026**.

This notice has been sent to all persons on the agencies mailing list for administrative regulations and the Department of Education and posted on the Nevada Department of Education's website at <https://doe.nv.gov>, Nevada's Public Notice site at <https://notice.nv.gov>, the Nevada State Legislature's webpage at <https://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/Notice/A/>, and physically at the Nevada Department of Education Offices and with Nevada State Library and Archives. Copies of this notice will also be emailed and/or mailed to members of the public upon request.

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SMALL BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT
PURSUANT TO NRS 233B.0608

DATE: August 10, 2026

RE: Workshop R013-26 to Solicit Comments on Proposed Amendments to NAC Chapter 391.XXX – Science of Reading Licensure Requirement, NAC 391.065 – Renewal of license: Educational and professional requirements; exceptions, NAC 391.070 – Renewal of license: General requirements; fee; delay of expiration date by Superintendent of Public Instruction, NAC 391.089 – Qualifications for license to teach pupils in a program of early childhood education, and NAC 391.095 – Qualifications for elementary license.

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

1. The proposed regulation is 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 scope of the Department's activities and present no significant cost of enforcement.
4. Comments have 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 adverse 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 the information contained in this statement was prepared properly and is accurate.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "V. Wakefield".

Dr. Victor Wakefield
Superintendent of Public Instruction

**REVISED PROPOSED REGULATION OF THE COMMISSION ON
PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS IN EDUCATION**

LCB File No. R013-26

June 5, 2026

EXPLANATION – Matter in *italics* is new; matter in brackets ~~[omitted material]~~ is material to be omitted.

AUTHORITY: §§ 1-5, NRS 391.019.

A REGULATION relating to educational personnel; requiring certain applicants for the issuance of a renewable license to teach elementary education and applicants for the renewal of such a license to complete a course of instruction in foundational literacy skills; prescribing requirements concerning a course of instruction in foundational literacy skills; requiring an applicant for such a license to complete such a course while enrolled in a teacher preparation program or a program for an alternative route to licensure; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

Existing law requires the Commission on Professional Standards in Education to adopt regulations prescribing the qualifications and procedures for: (1) licensing teachers and other educational personnel; and (2) the renewal of licenses issued to teachers and other educational personnel. Additionally, existing law requires the Commission to adopt regulations requiring that, beginning on July 1, 2028, an applicant for an initial license to teach or for the renewal of such a license who will teach pupils enrolled in kindergarten or grade 1, 2 or 3 must complete a course of instruction in foundational literacy skills that is approved by the Commission. (NRS 391.019) Furthermore, existing law specifically requires the holder of a license to teach elementary education to complete such a course of instruction to be eligible to teach such pupils on or after July 1, 2028. (NRS 391.031) Finally, existing law sets forth the required components of such a course of instruction, including, without limitation: (1) training and instruction in effective methods for teaching foundational literacy skills aligned with the science of reading; (2) techniques for differentiating literacy instruction; (3) implementation of effective literacy instruction using high-quality instructional materials in alignment with current research on the science of reading; (4) classroom behavior management, trauma-informed practices and other developmentally appropriate supports; and (5) the use of data concerning pupils to make certain instructional decisions. (NRS 391.019) **Section 1** of this regulation establishes such provisions as required by existing law. Additionally, **section 1** specifies the entities that may offer such a course.

Section 1 also requires a person who holds a valid license to teach elementary education to submit proof of completion of a course of instruction in foundational literacy skills with the first application for renewal of the license, or if initially issued a nonrenewable license, with the

first application for a renewable license. However, this requirement does not apply if the licensee submits proof of completion of the course before the submission of an application.

Sections 2 and 3 of this regulation make conforming changes to reflect this additional requirement for the renewal of such a license set forth in **section 1**.

Existing law requires the Commission to adopt regulations prescribing the qualifications for licensing teachers pursuant to an alternative route to licensure. Additionally, existing law requires the Commission to develop regulations to ensure that an approved program of preparation for teaching pupils enrolled in kindergarten or grade 1, 2 or 3 includes a course of instruction in foundational literacy skills as a component of the program. (NRS 391.019) Existing regulations: (1) require an applicant for a license to teach elementary education to complete such a program; and (2) set forth the required components of such a program. (NAC 391.095) **Section 1** requires an applicant for a license to teach elementary education who is enrolled in such a teacher preparation program or a program for an alternative route to licensure to complete a course of instruction in foundational literacy skills during the program. **Section 4** makes a conforming change to reflect the requirement that an applicant enrolled in a teacher preparation program must complete a course of instruction in foundational literacy skills during the program.

Section 1. Chapter 391 of NAC is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows:

1. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, a person who holds a valid license to teach elementary education or pupils enrolled in a program of early childhood education must submit with his or her first application for renewal of his or her license proof of the completion of a course of instruction in foundational literacy skills that satisfies the requirements of this section. If the licensee is initially issued a nonrenewable license, he or she must submit such proof with his or her first application for a renewable license. If, before the submission of the first application for renewal of a license or the first application for a renewable license, as applicable, the licensee has submitted proof of his or her completion of a course of instruction in foundational literacy skills that satisfies the requirements of this section, the licensee is not required to submit such proof with the first application for renewal of his or her license or the first application for a renewable license, as applicable.

2. *The course of instruction in foundational literacy skills required by this section must be approved by the Commission and must be ~~completed in a course that is~~ offered by:*

(a) An accredited college or university and that consists of at least 3 semester hours of credit; or

(b) The Department, a school district in this State, the governing body of a charter school or a regional training program and that consists of at least 45 hours of professional development training.

3. *A course of instruction in foundational literacy skills must include, without limitation:*

(a) Training and instruction in effective methods for teaching foundational literacy skills aligned with the science of reading, including, without limitation:

(1) Phonological and phonemic awareness;

(2) Phonics, including, without limitation, decoding and encoding;

(3) Fluency;

(4) Vocabulary; and

(5) Comprehension;

(b) Techniques for differentiating literacy instruction, to meet the needs of pupils with advanced literacy skills, as well as pupils with reading deficiencies, including, without limitation, pupils with indicators of dyslexia and pupils with disabilities;

(c) Implementation of effective literacy instruction using high-quality instructional materials in alignment with current research on the science of reading;

(d) Classroom behavior management, trauma-informed practices and other developmentally appropriate supports to ensure a conducive learning environment for literacy instruction; and

(e) The use of data concerning pupils, including, without limitation, literacy assessments, to make instructional decisions, including, without limitation, decisions about improving the effectiveness of classroom reading instruction and the design of reading interventions.

4. An applicant for a license to teach elementary education or pupils enrolled in a program of early childhood education who is enrolled in a teacher preparation program or a program for an alternative route to licensure must complete the components of a course of instruction described in subsection 3 during the program.

5. As used in this section:

(a) “Regional training program” has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 391A.105.

(b) “Teacher preparation program” means a program of preparation for teaching which has been approved by the Commission and must be completed to receive a license to teach elementary education pursuant to NAC 391.095.

Sec. 2. NAC 391.065 is hereby amended to read as follows:

391.065 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3, subsection 9 of NAC 391.0896, subsection 7 of NAC 391.0897, subsection 3 of NAC 391.276, subsection 2 of NAC 391.277, subsection 2 of NAC 391.279, subsection 4 of NAC 391.312, subsection 3 of NAC 391.370, subsection 2 of section 2 of LCB File No. R123-22 and subsection 2 of section 3 of LCB File No. R123-22, a license that is renewable may be renewed if the licensee submits to the Department with the request for renewal, in addition to proof of completion prescribed by NRS 391.0347, ~~and~~ section 1 of LCB File No. R008-24 ~~H~~ *and subsection 1 of section 1 of this regulation*, if applicable, made pursuant to NAC 391.070 either:

(a) Proof, which may include, without limitation, a certificate, transcript, letter from an employer or form verifying attendance, that, during each licensure period for which the license was valid, the licensee has:

(1) Completed, designed or provided, in accordance with subsection 2:

(I) At least 90 clock hours of professional development or the equivalent amount of in-service training;

(II) At least 6 semester hours of credit of course work at a regionally accredited college or university in any subject; or

(III) Any combination of professional development or in-service training and course work at a regionally accredited college or university in any subject that is equal to 90 clock hours;

(2) If the licensee holds a master's degree or more advanced degree, taught a course at a regionally accredited college or university that directly relates to the profession of education or the subject area of the endorsement held by the licensee; or

(3) If the licensee holds an occupational license that directly relates to the subject area for which the licensee holds an educational license or endorsement, completed professional development or continuing education that is:

(I) Required for the renewal of the occupational license by the professional licensing board or agency in this State that issued the occupational license; or

(II) Directly related to the profession for which the licensee holds an occupational license and is offered by a nationally recognized organization that provides continuing education in the field of the occupational license; or

(b) A copy of a certificate issued to the licensee by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards or its successor organization which evidences completion of the requirements for certification by that organization.

2. The professional development, in-service training or course work completed, designed or provided to fulfill the requirements of subparagraph (1) of paragraph (a) of subsection 1 must directly relate to the profession of education or the area for which the license is endorsed and:

(a) May include any professional development, in-service training or course work completed to fulfill another requirement prescribed by this chapter;

(b) May be obtained at any time, including, without limitation, during the regular working hours of the licensee; and

(c) Must be provided by a college, university, school or school district, regional training program, as defined in NRS 391A.105, employee organization, educational conference or a provider of continuing education approved pursuant to NAC 391.080.

3. The provisions of this section do not apply to the renewal of a:

(a) License pursuant to NAC 391.073.

(b) Special license, if the only endorsement of the special license is an endorsement:

(1) As a substitute teacher in kindergarten through grade 12 issued pursuant to NAC 391.0897;

(2) To provide audiological services issued pursuant to NAC 391.223;

(3) As a school nurse issued pursuant to NAC 391.305; or

(4) To serve as a social worker issued pursuant to NAC 391.320.

4. The Department may request from any person or entity records necessary to confirm information submitted by a licensee pursuant to this section.

5. For the purposes of subsection 1, 1 semester hour of credit is equal to 15 clock hours.

6. As used in this section, “clock hour” means a period of time equal to 60 minutes.

Sec. 3. NAC 391.070 is hereby amended to read as follows:

391.070 1. To renew a license, the holder must submit before it expires:

(a) An application for renewal in the form prescribed by the Department;

(b) Current official transcripts or verification of credits for in-service or continuing education courses, including, without limitation, the course in multicultural education required by NRS 391.0347 and NAC 391.067, if applicable, ~~and~~ the course in parental involvement and family engagement required by section 1 of LCB File No. R008-24, if applicable ~~and~~, *and the course of instruction in foundational literacy skills required by section 1 of this regulation, if applicable;* and

(c) Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, a renewal fee of:

(1) For a renewal due on or after September 16, 2024, but before July 1, 2025, \$170.

(2) For a renewal due on or after July 1, 2025, but before July 1, 2026, \$175.

(3) For a renewal due on or after July 1, 2026, but before July 1, 2027, \$180.

(4) For a renewal due on or after July 1, 2027, but before July 1, 2028, \$185.

(5) For a renewal due on or after July 1, 2028, \$190.

2. If the holder has been granted an extension of time pursuant to NAC 391.077, the applicant must, instead of submitting a fee in the amount required by paragraph (c) of subsection 1, submit a fee in an amount equal to the fee prescribed by NAC 391.045 for the initial issuance of a license. Any fee submitted pursuant to this subsection or paragraph (c) of subsection 1 includes the fees for processing the fingerprints of the licensee by the Central Repository for Nevada Records of Criminal History and the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

3. An application for renewal may not be submitted more than 9 months before the expiration date of a license.

4. The Superintendent of Public Instruction may delay the expiration date of a license:

(a) For not more than 30 days if the licensee has completed the educational prerequisites prescribed in NAC 391.065 and the general prerequisites prescribed in subsection 1 in a timely manner, except:

- (1) Submission of the application for renewal or the renewal fee, or both; or
- (2) Submission of the current official transcript or verification of credits.

(b) For not more than 120 days pending receipt of the reports of the criminal history of the licensee by the Central Repository for Nevada Records of Criminal History and the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Sec. 4. NAC 391.095 is hereby amended to read as follows:

391.095 To receive an elementary license, a person must hold a bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university and must have completed a program of preparation for teaching in elementary grades which is approved by the Commission. The program must include, without limitation:

1. Forty-one semester hours of credit in courses in elementary professional education consisting of:

- (a) Eight semester hours of credit in supervised student teaching in elementary grades;
- (b) Eighteen semester hours of credit in methods of teaching elementary subjects consisting of the following, with instruction in assessment and evaluation embedded in all required courses:
 - (1) Nine semester hours of credit in the teaching of literacy or language arts;
 - (2) Three semester hours of credit in the teaching of mathematics;
 - (3) Three semester hours of credit in the teaching of science; and
 - (4) Three semester hours of credit in the teaching of social studies; and

(c) Fifteen semester hours of credit in elementary curriculum and program implementation which must include three semester hours of course work in each of the following subjects:

(1) Classroom and behavior management, including, without limitation, social, emotional and academic development;

(2) Multicultural education and culturally relevant pedagogy;

(3) Multi-tiered systems of supports;

(4) Strategies for working with children with disabilities; and

(5) Child development and learning; ~~and~~

2. Eighteen semester hours of credit which must include at least 6 semester hours of credit in each of the following subject areas:

(a) Mathematics;

(b) Science; and

(c) Social studies ~~and~~ ; and

3. The course of instruction in foundational literacy skills required to be completed pursuant to subsection 4 of section 1 of this regulation.

Sec. 5. NAC 391.089 is hereby amended to read as follows:

~~389.089~~ To receive a license to teach pupils in a program of early childhood education, a person must hold a bachelor's degree or graduate degree from an accredited college or university and must:

1. Have completed a program of preparation to teach such pupils that is approved by the ~~Department~~ *Commission; which must include a course of instruction in foundational literacy skills required by subsection 4 of section 1 of this regulation.*

2. Hold a license to teach such pupils that was issued by another state and approved by the Commission;

3. Hold an elementary license and:

(a) Have experience teaching pupils under 6 years of age that consists of:

(1) Eight semester hours of student teaching;

(2) One year of verifiable experience teaching pupils in a program of early childhood education conducted by a public school, a public agency or a private school licensed pursuant to chapter 394 of NRS at the conclusion of which the person was eligible for reemployment; or

(3) An equivalent field experience or practicum conducted by an accredited college or university;

(b) Have completed at least 6 semester hours of courses in early childhood education consisting of courses in any of the following subjects:

(1) Early childhood curriculum;

(2) Emergent language and literacy; or

(3) Play theory and creativity; and

(c) Have completed at least 6 additional semester hours of courses in any of the courses described in paragraph (b) or in any of the following subjects:

(1) Child Development and learning;

(2) Culturally and linguistically responsive pedagogy; or

(3) Classroom management, which must include, without limitation, positive discipline and guidance and social, emotional, and academic development; or

4. Have completed

(a) Twenty-seven semester hours of courses in early childhood education for children who are developing typically and atypically consisting of three semester hours in each of the following, with instruction in assessment and evaluation embedded in all

required courses:

- (1) Child development and learning
- (2) Language and literacy;
- (3) Mathematics;
- (4) Science;
- (5) Social studies;
- (6) Strategies for working with children with disabilities;
- (7) Classroom management, which must include, without limitation, positive discipline and guidance and social, emotional and academic development;
- (8) Culturally and linguistically responsive pedagogy; and
- (9) Play theory and creativity; and

(b) Except as otherwise provided in paragraph, 8 semester hours of supervised student teaching in a program of early childhood education involving pupils from birth through grade 2. In lieu of completing 8 semester hours of student teaching, a person may have 1 year of verifiable experience teaching pupils in a program of early childhood education conducted by a public school, a public agency or a private school licensed pursuant to chapter 394 of NRS.

Sec. 6. This regulation becomes effective on July 1, 2028.

Joe Lombardo
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**SMALL BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT
PURSUANT TO NRS 233B.0608**

DATE: August 10, 2026

RE: Workshop R132-26 to Solicit Comments on Proposed Amendments to NAC Chapter 391.XXX – Hire pending Nevada Department of Education licensure.

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

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2. A concerted effort was made to determine any economic burden.
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4. Comments have 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 adverse 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 the information contained in this statement was prepared properly and is accurate.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dr. Victor Wakefield
Superintendent of Public Instruction

**PROPOSED REGULATION OF THE COMMISSION ON
PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS IN EDUCATION**

LCB File No. R132-26

July 17, 2026

EXPLANATION – Matter in *italics* is new; matter in brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

AUTHORITY: § 1, NRS 391.019 and 391.122.

A REGULATION relating to educational personnel; establishing requirements for a person who holds a license to teach in another state to be hired and employed on a provisional basis as a teacher in this State; requiring a school district or charter school to use the form prescribed by the Department of Education to notify the Department upon hiring such a person as a teacher; requiring a school district to terminate the employment of such a person if the person fails to provide evidence of the issuance of a license to teach in this State within 1 year of commencing employment; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

Existing law requires the Commission on Professional Standards in Education to adopt regulations for the licensing of teachers and other educational personnel. (NRS 391.019) Existing law and regulations provide for the reciprocal licensure of teachers and other educational personnel who are licensed in another state. (NRS 391.032; NAC 391.054) Assembly Bill No. 49 of the 2025 Legislative Session (A.B. 49) authorizes the board of trustees of a school district or the governing body of a charter school to employ as a teacher, on a provisional basis not to exceed 1 year, a person who is not licensed as a teacher in this State if the person: (1) holds a license in good standing from another state; (2) has submitted an application to receive a license to teach in this State; (3) is employed to teach in a position that corresponds to the license from the other state; and (4) completes the background investigation the employing school district is required by existing law to conduct. Under A.B. 49, at the time such a teacher is hired, the school district or charter school is required to report the hiring to the Department of Education. (NRS 391.122)

This regulation prescribes the requirements for the board of trustees of a school district or the governing body of a charter school to hire and employ a teacher in accordance with A.B. 49. Under this regulation, the person being hired as a teacher is required to: (1) submit official documentation to establish that the person holds a license to teach in another state and that the license is in good standing and is not a restricted, probationary, provisional or temporary license; (2) submit an official transcript demonstrating that the person holds a bachelor's degree or higher degree from an accredited educational institution; (3) submit proof that the person has applied to the Department for a license to teach in this State; (4) complete the background investigation

required by existing law for employment as a teacher with results indicating that the person is not prohibited from being employed as a teacher in this State; and (5) be employed to teach a grade level and subject area covered by the license issued by the other state.

This regulation additionally requires the school district or charter school to submit the required report of the hiring of the teacher on a form prescribed by the Department. (NRS 391.122)

Finally, this regulation requires the school district or charter school to terminate the employment of a person who is employed as a teacher pursuant to A.B. 49 if, within 1 year after commencing employment as a teacher, the person does not submit evidence that the Department has issued to that person a license to teach in this State.

Section 1. Chapter 391 of NAC is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows.

1. Pursuant to NRS 391.122, the board of trustees of a school district or the governing body of a charter school may hire and employ as a teacher a person who is not licensed to teach pursuant to this chapter and chapter 391 of NRS if the person:

(a) Submits official documentation to establish that the person holds a license to teach in another state and that the license is in good standing and is not a restricted, probationary, provisional or temporary license;

(b) Submits an official transcript demonstrating completion of a bachelor's degree or higher from an educational institution that is listed as an accredited institution in the Database of Accredited Postsecondary Institutions and Programs, which is provided by the United States Department of Education and available at the Internet address <https://ope.ed.gov/dapip/#/home>;

(c) Submits proof that the person has applied to the Department for a license to teach pursuant to this chapter and chapter 391 of NRS;

(d) Has completed the requirements for a background investigation pursuant to NRS 391.104 with the result that the person is not prohibited from being employed as a teacher in this State;

(e) Is not otherwise prohibited from being employed as a teacher in this State; and

(f) Is employed to teach a grade level and subject area covered by the license issued by the other state.

2. At the time a person is hired as a teacher pursuant to subsection 1, the school district or charter school shall notify the Department on a form prescribed by the Department of the hiring of the teacher.

3. A school district or charter school shall immediately terminate the employment of a person who is hired and employed as a teacher pursuant to subsection 1 if, within 1 year after the commencement of the employment of the teacher or the completion of the current school year, whichever is shorter if:

- (a) the person does not provide evidence to the board of trustees or governing body that the person has been issued a license to teach pursuant to this chapter and chapter 391 of NRS immediately upon issuance; or*
- (b) fails to obtain a license issued pursuant to chapter 391 of NRS.*

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9:03 A.M. Workshop R151-26 to Solicit Comments on Proposed Amendments to NAC Chapter 391.305 – Endorsement to serve as a school nurse and NAC 391.307 – Authorization to serve as a school nurse without an endorsement. The Commission will consider a regulation relating to educational personnel; revising the qualifications for an endorsement to serve as a school nurse; revising the requirements for a person to serve as a school nurse without an endorsement under certain circumstances; and providing other matters properly relating thereto. This regulation will comply with AB49 (2025) allowing a public school employer to hire a school nurse without an endorsement. The Commission may approve or not approve moving this regulation to a Public Hearing.

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**SMALL BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT
PURSUANT TO NRS 233B.0608**

DATE: August 10, 2026

RE: Workshop R151-26 to Solicit Comments on Proposed Amendments to NAC Chapter 391.305 – Endorsement to serve as a school nurse and NAC 391.307 – Authorization to serve as a school nurse without an endorsement.

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

1. The proposed regulation is 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 scope of the Department's activities and present no significant cost of enforcement.
4. Comments have 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 adverse 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 the information contained in this statement was prepared properly and is accurate.

Respectfully submitted,

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**PROPOSED REGULATION OF THE COMMISSION ON
PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS IN EDUCATION**

LCB File No. R151-26

July 17, 2026

EXPLANATION – Matter in *italics* is new; matter in brackets ~~[omitted material]~~ is material to be omitted.

AUTHORITY: §§ 1 and 2, NRS 391.019.

A REGULATION relating to educational personnel; revising the qualifications for an endorsement to serve as a school nurse; revising the requirements for a person to serve as a school nurse without an endorsement under certain circumstances; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

Existing law requires the Commission on Professional Standards in Education to adopt regulations setting forth the requirements that educational personnel must satisfy to qualify for an endorsement in a field of specialization. (NRS 391.019) Existing regulations prescribe the qualifications a person must satisfy to receive an endorsement to serve as a school nurse. (NAC 391.305) **Section 1** of this regulation revises the educational requirements to receive an endorsement to serve as a school nurse by requiring the person applying for an endorsement to hold: (1) a valid and unrestricted license issued by the State Board of Nursing to practice as a registered nurse or advanced practice registered nurse; and (2) a bachelor’s degree in nursing from an accredited college or university with at least 1 year of experience as a registered nurse or an advanced practice registered nurse or a bachelor’s degree in any field from an accredited college or university with at least 2 years of experience as a registered nurse or an advanced practice registered nurse. **Section 1** additionally eliminates the authorization for the Superintendent of Public Instruction to grant an endorsement to a registered nurse: (1) whose baccalaureate degree in nursing was conferred by a program that does not possess certain accreditation; and (2) who completed coursework and requirements that are comparable to those included in such an accredited program.

Existing law requires the Commission to adopt regulations authorizing a person who has applied for an endorsement as a school nurse to serve as a school nurse while the application is pending if he or she meets certain requirements. (NRS 391.019) Existing regulations authorize the Superintendent of Public Instruction to employ as a school nurse a person who has not received an endorsement to serve as a school nurse under certain circumstances. Existing regulations require such a person to, among other requirements: (1) hold a license as a registered nurse; (2) be supervised by a person with an endorsement to serve as a school nurse; and (3) if there is no available supervisor with an endorsement to serve as a school nurse, submit evidence to the Superintendent of Public Instruction that he or she is in the process of receiving an

endorsement to serve as a school nurse. (NAC 391.307) **Section 2** of this regulation revises these requirements to instead authorize the board of trustees of a school district or governing body of a charter school to employ a person to serve as school nurse without an endorsement for not more than 1 year if the person submits to the Superintendent of Public Instruction proof that he or she: (1) holds a valid and unrestricted license issued by the State Board of Nursing; (2) has applied for a license issued by the Superintendent of Public Instruction; (3) is in the process of applying for an endorsement to serve as a school nurse; and (4) has completed certain required fingerprinting and background investigations. **Section 2** also provides that such a person may be terminated from his or her employment as a school nurse if the person: (1) fails to provide to the board of trustees of a school district or governing body of a charter school a license issued by the Superintendent of Public Instruction immediately after obtaining the license; or (2) fails to obtain such a license.

Section 1. NAC 391.305 is hereby amended to read as follows:

391.305 1. Except as otherwise provided in NAC 391.307, ~~and this section,~~ to receive an endorsement to serve as a school nurse, a person must hold a ~~valid~~ :

(a) *Valid and unrestricted* license issued by the State Board of Nursing to practice as a registered nurse *or an advanced practice registered nurse*; and ~~must~~:

~~—(a) Submit evidence of having received a baccalaureate~~

(b) *Baccalaureate* degree ~~and having completed an educational program that~~:

~~—(1) Grants postgraduate certificates in school nursing; and~~

~~—(2) Is under a regionally accredited institution of higher learning;~~

~~—(b) Hold a degree in nursing earned under a college or university baccalaureate program in nursing accredited by the National League for Nursing or the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education;~~

~~—(c) Submit evidence of having received:~~

~~—(1) A baccalaureate degree; and~~

~~—(2) Certification as a school nurse from the National Board for Certification of School Nurses; or~~

~~—(d) Hold a baccalaureate degree and certification as a:~~

~~——(1) Family nursing practitioner;~~

~~——(2) Pediatric nursing practitioner;~~

~~——(3) School nursing practitioner; or~~

~~——(4) School nursing generalist;~~

~~➔ from the American Nurses Association or from the State Board of Nursing.]~~ *from an accredited college or university:*

(1) In nursing and have at least 1 year of experience as a registered nurse or an advanced practice registered nurse; or

(2) In any field and have at least 2 years of experience as a registered nurse or an advanced practice registered nurse.

2. ~~[The Superintendent of Public Instruction may grant an endorsement to a person who is a registered nurse and holds a baccalaureate degree from a program in nursing that is not accredited by the National League for Nursing or the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education if, in his or her discretion, the courses offered and requirements for a diploma from the unaccredited program are comparable with an accredited program.~~

~~—3.]~~ To renew an endorsement to serve as a school nurse, the holder must continue to hold a valid license issued by the State Board of Nursing.

~~[4.]~~ 3. A person who holds only a special license with an endorsement as a school nurse is exempt from the provisions of NAC 391.036 and 391.065.

4. *As used in this section:*

(a) “Advanced practice registered nurse” has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 632.012.

(b) “Registered nurse” has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 632.019.

Sec. 2. NAC 391.307 is hereby amended to read as follows:

391.307 1. ~~{The Superintendent of Public Instruction}~~ *The board of trustees of a school district or the governing body of a charter school* may ~~{authorize}~~ *employ* a person who has not received an endorsement pursuant to NAC 391.305 to serve as a *school* nurse ~~{in a school district whose enrollment is less than 5,000 pupils if the school district provides evidence to the Superintendent that a person who has received such an endorsement is not available for hire. The}~~ *if the* person ~~{must:}~~ *submits to the Superintendent of Public Instruction board of trustees of a school district or the governing body of a charter school proof that he or she:*

(a) ~~{Hold}~~ *Holds* a ~~{current}~~ *valid and unrestricted* license as a registered nurse *or advanced practice registered nurse* from the State Board of Nursing ~~{and be supervised by a person who has been endorsed to serve as a school nurse pursuant to NAC 391.305; or~~

~~—(b) If the school district does not have in its employ a person to act as supervisor who has been endorsed to serve as a school nurse:~~

~~——(1) Hold a current license as a registered nurse from the State Board of Nursing; and~~

~~——(2) Submit evidence to the Superintendent of Public Instruction that he or she is};~~

(b) Has applied for a license issued pursuant to chapter 391 of NRS;

~~(c) Is in the process of satisfying the requirements found in NAC 391.305 to receive an endorsement as a school nurse [.] ; and~~

(c) Is not otherwise prohibited from being employed as a school nurse in this state;

and

(d) Has completed the requirements for a background investigation pursuant to NRS 391.104 with the result that the person is not prohibited from being employed as a school nurse in this State. fingerprinting and investigation into his or her background required pursuant to NRS 391.104.

2. ~~[The Superintendent shall not authorize a]~~ *The board of trustees of a school district or governing body of a charter school may place a person* ~~[to serve as a school nurse]~~ *employed pursuant to subsection 1 in a position commensurate with the type of license issued pursuant to chapter 632 of NRS and chapter 632 of NAC for* ~~[more than 5 years, unless the school district submits evidence that it was unable to employ a sufficient number of persons qualified to hold an endorsement to serve as a school nurse. The evidence must include:~~

~~—(a) Copies of advertisements placed in newspapers and journals of nursing that were circulated within this State;~~

~~—(b) Copies of letters advertising employment that were sent to institutions awarding baccalaureate degrees in nursing; and~~

~~—(c) A list of the persons who applied for the position of school nurse together with copies of their applications and any educational transcripts received by the school district.]~~ *a probationary period not to exceed 1 year or the completion of the current school year, whichever is shorter.*

3. *The board of trustees of a school district or the governing body of a charter school shall notify the Department, on a form prescribed by the Department, at the time a person is employed pursuant to subsection 1.*

4. *The board of trustees of a school district or the governing body of a charter school shall terminate the employment of any person employed pursuant to subsection 1 if the person:*

(a) Does not provide to the board of trustees of a school district or governing body of a charter school a license issued pursuant to chapter 391 of NRS immediately after the license is issued by the Department; or

(b) Fails to obtain a license issued pursuant to chapter 391 of NRS.

5. *As used in this section:*

- (a) *“Advanced practice registered nurse” has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 632.012.*
- (b) *“Registered nurse” has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 632.019.*

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9:04 A.M. Workshop R127-26 to Solicit Comments on Proposed Amendments to NAC Chapter 391.111 – License to teach middle school or junior high school education: Qualification; requirements and recognized subjects for endorsement; exception, NAC 391.120 – Qualifications for license; qualifications for license with endorsement in career and technical education, and NAC 391.425 – Business and Industry endorsement: Qualifications for receipt and first renewal. The Commission will consider a regulation relating to educational personnel; revising the subjects recognized for an endorsement to teach middle school or junior high school education; revising the requirements for the issuance of a secondary license with an endorsement in career and technical education; revising the requirements for renewing certain business and industry endorsements; and providing other matters properly relating thereto. This regulation will remove the middle school computer science endorsement, remove 6 semester credits required to renew a CTE or B&I license, and other conforming language. The Commission may approve or not approve moving this regulation to a Public Hearing.

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SMALL BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT
PURSUANT TO NRS 233B.0608

DATE: August 10, 2026

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**APPROVED REGULATION OF THE COMMISSION ON
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LCB File No. R008-24

Filed September 16, 2024

EXPLANATION – Matter in *italics* is new; matter in brackets ~~[omitted material]~~ is material to be omitted.

AUTHORITY: §§ 1, 3, 5 and 8-12, NRS 391.019, as amended by section 3.3 of Assembly Bill No. 428, chapter 491, Statutes of Nevada 2023, at page 3012; §§ 2, 4, 6 and 7, NRS 391.019, as amended by section 3.3 of Assembly Bill No. 428, chapter 491, Statutes of Nevada 2023, at page 3012, and NRS 391.040.

A REGULATION relating to educational personnel; revising requirements for licensing teachers and other educational personnel; revising requirements for endorsements to teach certain subjects; revising the subjects recognized for an endorsement to teach middle school or junior high school; increasing the fees for the issuance or renewal of certain licenses; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

Existing law requires the Commission on Professional Standards in Education to adopt regulations prescribing the qualifications for licensing teachers and other educational personnel. Existing law requires the regulations adopted by the Commission to prescribe course work on parental involvement and family engagement and to establish standards for professional development which may be used to satisfy the requirement for course work on parental involvement and family engagement. (NRS 391.019, as amended by section 3.3 of Assembly Bill No. 428, chapter 491, Statutes of Nevada 2023, at page 3012) **Section 2** of this regulation removes the requirement that an applicant successfully complete this course work as a qualification for the initial issuance of a license as a teacher or other educational employee. Instead, **section 1** of this regulation requires a teacher or other educational employee to complete course work on parental involvement and family engagement before: (1) renewing the applicable license for the first time; or (2) if the teacher or other educational employee was initially issued a nonrenewable license, applying for the first renewable license. **Sections 3 and 12** of this regulation make a conforming change to reflect that **sections 1 and 2** remove the requirement to successfully complete course work on parental involvement and family engagement as a requirement for initial licensure as a teacher or other educational employee. **Sections 4-6** of this regulation make conforming changes to require the submission of proof of the completion of the required course in parental involvement and family engagement with the applicable application.

Existing law requires the Commission to establish fees of not less than \$100 for the initial issuance and renewal of a license as a teacher or other educational personnel. (NRS 391.040) **Sections 2, 4, 6 and 7** of this regulation increase such fees by \$20 for an application submitted

on or after the effective date of this regulation but before July 1, 2025. Additionally, **sections 2, 4, 6 and 7** provide for annual increases of \$5 in the amount of these fees on July 1 of each year, beginning with such an increase on July 1, 2025, and ending with such an increase on July 1, 2028.

Existing regulations require an applicant for the initial issuance of a license as a teacher or other educational employee to submit evidence that the applicant has successfully completed: (1) at least three semester hours of credit in a course of study regarding education or curricular adaption for pupils with disabilities; or (2) a professional development or continuing education course regarding education or curricular adaptation for pupils with disabilities that is approved by the Department of Education. (NAC 391.045) **Section 2** removes the requirement that an applicant for an initial license as a teacher or other educational employee submit evidence of the successful completion of these requirements. Instead, **sections 8 and 9** of this regulation, respectively, require a program of education completed by an applicant for a license to teach middle school or junior high school or seeking a secondary license to include three semester credits of course work in strategies for working with students with disabilities. Similarly, **sections 10 and 11** of this regulation, respectively, require a person applying for an endorsement to teach art or an endorsement to teach music to complete three semester credits of such course work. Existing regulations already require a program of preparation completed by a person who is seeking a license to teach an early childhood education program or an elementary license to complete such course work. (NAC 391.089, 391.095, as amended by section 4 of LCB File No. R090-19)

In addition, **section 8** revises the requirement that the program of education completed by an applicant for a license to teach middle school or junior high school include six semester credits of course work in certain elective topics by: (1) removing a course in education of the exceptional child as an authorized elective; and (2) revising a course in educational technology to be a course in computer science and educational technology. (NAC 391.111)

Existing law requires the Commission to adopt regulations: (1) identifying fields of specialization in teaching which require the specialized training of teachers; and (2) setting forth the requirements a teacher must satisfy to qualify for an endorsement in each field of specialization. (NRS 391.019) Under existing regulations, such endorsements are based on a licensed teacher's field of specialization or concentration, usually designated as his or her major, minor or area of concentration. (NAC 391.113, 391.125) Existing regulations recognize various single subjects in academic education as majors or minors for the purpose of teaching high school, including, without limitation, computer science. (NAC 391.131) **Section 8** similarly adds computer science as a subject for an endorsement of a license to teach middle school or junior high school.

Section 1. Chapter 391 of NAC is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows:

1. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, a licensee must submit with his or her first application for renewal of his or her license proof of the completion of a course in

parental involvement and family engagement that satisfies the requirements of this section. If the licensee is initially issued a nonrenewable license, he or she must submit such proof with his or her first application for a renewable license. If, before the submission of the first application for renewal of a license or the first application for a renewable license, as applicable, the licensee has submitted proof of his or her completion of a course in parental involvement and family engagement that satisfies the requirements of this section, the licensee is not required to submit such proof with the first application for renewal of his or her license or the first application for a renewable license, as applicable.

2. The course in parental involvement and family engagement required by this section must:

(a) Be completed in a course that is offered by:

(1) An accredited college or university and that consists of at least 3 semester hours of credit; or

(2) A school district in this State, the governing body of a charter school or a regional training program and that consists of at least 45 hours of in-service professional development training;

(b) Be consistent with the elements and goals for effective involvement and engagement set forth in NRS 392.457; and

(c) Include an emphasis on building relationships, outreach to families and developing an appreciation and understanding of families from diverse backgrounds.

3. As used in this section, “regional training program” has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 391A.105.

Sec. 2. NAC 391.045 is hereby amended to read as follows:

391.045 1. Except as otherwise provided in section 2 of LCB File No. R128-22, an applicant for the initial issuance of a license as a teacher or other educational employee must submit with his or her application:

(a) His or her official transcripts; *and*

(b) ~~Evidence that the applicant has successfully completed:~~

~~—— (1) At least 3 semester hours of credit in a course of study regarding education or curricular adaptation for pupils with disabilities; or~~

~~—— (2) Professional development or a continuing education course regarding education or curricular adaptation for pupils with disabilities that is approved by the Department;~~

~~—— (c) Evidence that the applicant has successfully completed:~~

~~—— (1) At least 3 semester hours of credit in a course of study regarding parental involvement and family engagement that:~~

~~—— (I) Is consistent with the elements and goals for effective involvement and engagement set forth in NRS 392.457; and~~

~~—— (II) Includes an emphasis on building relationships, outreach to families and developing an appreciation and understanding of families from diverse backgrounds; or~~

~~—— (2) At least 45 contact hours of professional development or continuing education regarding parental involvement and family engagement that is approved by the Department and:~~

~~—— (I) Is consistent with the elements and goals for effective involvement and engagement set forth in NRS 392.457; and~~

~~—— (II) Includes an emphasis on building relationships, outreach to families and developing an appreciation and understanding of families from diverse backgrounds; and~~

~~—— (d) Except as otherwise provided in NAC 391.0565, a fee of \$180, which :~~

(1) If the application is submitted on or after the effective date of this regulation but before July 1, 2025, \$200.

(2) If the application is submitted on or after July 1, 2025, but before July 1, 2026, \$205.

(3) If the application is submitted on or after July 1, 2026, but before July 1, 2027, \$210.

(4) If the application is submitted on or after July 1, 2027, but before July 1, 2028, \$215.

(5) If the application is submitted on or after July 1, 2028, \$220.

↪ *The fee required to be submitted pursuant to paragraph (b)* includes the fees for processing the fingerprints of the applicant by the Central Repository for Nevada Records of Criminal History and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The fee does not include the cost of any examination required by NAC 391.036.

2. If the applicant is not eligible for licensure, the fee will not be returned. The applicant must pay another fee if he or she applies again.

3. An applicant for an endorsement to an existing license or for an additional license must submit with his or her application:

(a) Current official transcripts; and

(b) A fee of ~~1\$50.1~~:

(1) If the application is submitted on or after the effective date of this regulation but before July 1, 2025, \$70.

(2) If the application is submitted on or after July 1, 2025, but before July 1, 2026, \$75.

(3) If the application is submitted on or after July 1, 2026, but before July 1, 2027, \$80.

(4) If the application is submitted on or after July 1, 2027, but before July 1, 2028, \$85.

(5) If the application is submitted on or after July 1, 2028, \$90.

4. The academic credits required to obtain initial licensing or an endorsement to an existing license are not satisfiable by the completion of courses offered by a provider of continuing education but those courses may be used for the renewal of a license.

5. The Department shall take any necessary steps to expedite the processing of an application for a license or endorsement submitted by a person who is:

- (a) A member of the Armed Forces of the United States;
- (b) The spouse of a member of the Armed Forces of the United States; or
- (c) A veteran of the Armed Forces of the United States.

Sec. 3. NAC 391.056 is hereby amended to read as follows:

391.056 1. The Superintendent of Public Instruction may issue a provisional nonrenewable license to an applicant applying for a license pursuant to NAC 391.045. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, a provisional nonrenewable license is valid for:

(a) One year, if the applicant otherwise meets the requirements for a license pursuant to NAC 391.045, but:

(1) ~~Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (c), has~~ *Has* a deficiency in credits of 6 semester hours or less for all areas of licensure or endorsement, unless the provision is for an endorsement as a substitute teacher; or

(2) If the applicant is applying for a school counseling endorsement pursuant to NAC 391.185, lacks confirmation from a college that the applicant has completed a school counseling practicum or internship, but:

(I) Has completed all necessary course-work requirements for the school counseling endorsement;

(II) Has completed 200 hours of the practicum or internship through a regionally accredited college or university, including, without limitation, a minimum of 100 hours in a school setting at the time of his or her application for licensure; and

(III) Is currently and continuously enrolled in a regionally accredited college or university school counseling practicum or internship program; *or*

(b) Two years, if the applicant has not passed the tests required by NAC 391.036 and is not exempt from taking such tests. ~~†; or~~

~~—(c) Three years, if the applicant has not completed the course required by paragraph (b) of subsection 1 of NAC 391.045.†~~

2. If each provision is removed on or before the date on which a license issued pursuant to this section is set to expire pursuant to subsection 1, the license expires 3 years after the date on which the license was issued.

3. The holder of a license issued pursuant to this section may add endorsements with provisions to the license during the first year in which the license is valid. Endorsements without provisions may be added to the license at any time during the period in which the license is valid. If an endorsement is added to the license, the endorsement does not affect the date on which the license becomes invalid.

Sec. 4. NAC 391.0565 is hereby amended to read as follows:

391.0565 1. The holder of a provisional nonrenewable license issued pursuant to NAC 391.056 must remove all the provisions under which the license was issued before he or she may apply for a license pursuant to NAC 391.045. An application for a license issued pursuant to NAC 391.045 may be made at any time after the removal of all of the provisions under which the provisional nonrenewable license was issued.

2. The holder of a provisional nonrenewable license for which a provision has not been removed on the date on which the license expires may apply as a new applicant for a license pursuant to NAC 391.045 as soon as the provisions under which the expired provisional nonrenewable license was issued have been removed.

3. If an application is made for a license pursuant to NAC 391.045 by the holder of a provisional nonrenewable license before the provisional nonrenewable license expires, the applicant must:

(a) Submit to the Department current official transcripts or verification of credits for the course in multicultural education required by NRS 391.0347 and NAC 391.067, if applicable;

~~and~~

(b) *Submit to the Department current official transcripts or verification of credits for the course in parental involvement and family engagement required by section 1 of this regulation; and*

(c) Pay an application fee of ~~150, which~~ :

(1) If the application is submitted on or after the effective date of this regulation but before July 1, 2025, \$170.

(2) If the application is submitted on or after July 1, 2025, but before July 1, 2026, \$175.

(3) If the application is submitted on or after July 1, 2026, but before July 1, 2027, \$180.

(4) If the application is submitted on or after July 1, 2027, but before July 1, 2028, \$185.

(5) If the application is submitted on or after July 1, 2028, \$190.

↪ *The fee required to be submitted pursuant to paragraph (c)* includes the fees for processing the fingerprints of the applicant by the Central Repository for Nevada Records of Criminal History and the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Sec. 5. NAC 391.065 is hereby amended to read as follows:

391.065 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 5, subsection 9 of NAC 391.0896, subsection 7 of NAC 391.0897, subsection 3 of NAC 391.276, subsection 2 of NAC 391.277, subsection 2 of NAC 391.279, subsection 4 of NAC 391.312, subsection 3 of NAC 391.370, subsection 2 of section 2 of LCB File No. R123-22 and subsection 2 of section 3 of LCB File No. R123-22, a license issued before June 26, 2019, that is renewable may be renewed only one time after June 26, 2019, if its holder earns 6 semester hours of credit or the equivalent during the term of the license, in addition to those prescribed by NRS 391.0347, subsection 4 of NAC 391.180 and subsection 3 of NAC 391.315 , *and section 1 of this regulation*, if applicable.

Except as otherwise provided in subsections 4 and 5, subsection 4 of NAC 391.180 and subsection 3 of NAC 391.315, each additional renewal of a license that has been renewed pursuant to this subsection must be made in accordance with subsection 2.

2. Except as otherwise provided in subsections 1, 4 and 5, subsection 3 of NAC 391.276 and subsection 3 of NAC 391.370, a license issued or renewed on or after June 26, 2019, that is renewable may be renewed if the licensee submits to the Department with the request for renewal, in addition to proof of completion prescribed by NRS 391.0347 ~~H~~ *and section 1 of this regulation*, if applicable, made pursuant to NAC 391.070 either:

(a) Proof, which may include, without limitation, a certificate, transcript, letter from an employer or form verifying attendance, that, during each calendar year for which the license was valid, the licensee has:

(1) Completed, designed or provided, in accordance with subsection 3, at least 15 hours of professional development or the equivalent amount of in-service training or 1 semester hour of credit of course work at a regionally accredited college or university in any subject;

(2) If the licensee holds a master's degree or more advanced degree, taught a course at a regionally accredited college or university that directly relates to the profession of education or the subject area of the endorsement held by the licensee; or

(3) If the licensee holds an occupational license that directly relates to the subject area for which the licensee holds an educational license or endorsement, completed professional development or continuing education that is:

(I) Required for the renewal of the occupational license by the professional licensing board or agency in this State that issued the occupational license; or

(II) Directly related to the profession for which the licensee holds an occupational license and is offered by a nationally recognized organization that provides continuing education in the field of the occupational license; or

(b) A copy of a certificate issued to the licensee by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards or its successor organization which evidences completion of the requirements for certification by that organization.

3. The professional development, in-service training or course work completed, designed or provided to fulfill the requirements of subparagraph (1) of paragraph (a) of subsection 2 must directly relate to the profession of education or the area for which the license is endorsed and may:

(a) Include any professional development, in-service training or course work completed to fulfill another requirement prescribed by this chapter;

(b) Be obtained at any time, including, without limitation, during the regular working hours of the licensee; and

(c) Be provided by any person or entity including, without limitation, a college, university, school or school district, regional training program, as defined in NRS 391A.105, employee organization or educational conference.

4. If a licensee is not able to complete the requirements of subparagraph (1) of paragraph (a) of subsection 2 during any calendar year in which the license is valid, the licensee may complete the requirements, in addition to the requirements for the next calendar year, during the next calendar year. A licensee may only carry over requirements to the next calendar year one time during the period for which the license is valid unless the board of trustees of the school district or the governing body of the school, as applicable, or the designee thereof approves in writing another extension upon finding the extension is justified. A licensee who receives such approval must submit the written approval with his or her request to renew the license.

5. The provisions of this section do not apply to the renewal of a:

(a) License pursuant to NAC 391.073.

(b) Special license, if the only endorsement of the special license is an endorsement:

(1) As a substitute teacher in kindergarten through grade 12 issued pursuant to NAC 391.0897;

(2) To provide audiological services issued pursuant to NAC 391.223;

(3) As a school nurse issued pursuant to NAC 391.305; or

(4) To serve as a social worker issued pursuant to NAC 391.320.

6. The Department may request from any person or entity records necessary to confirm information submitted by a licensee pursuant to this section.

Sec. 6. NAC 391.070 is hereby amended to read as follows:

391.070 1. To renew a license, the holder must submit before it expires:

- (a) An application for renewal in the form prescribed by the Department;
- (b) Current official transcripts or verification of credits for in-service or continuing education courses, including, without limitation, the course in multicultural education required by NRS 391.0347 and NAC 391.067, if applicable, ~~, §~~ and *the course in parental involvement and family engagement required by section 1 of this regulation, if applicable; and*
- (c) Except as otherwise provided in ~~§~~ *subsection 2*, a renewal fee of ~~§150~~ :

(1) For a renewal due on or after the effective date of this regulation but before July 1, 2025, \$170.

(2) For a renewal due on or after July 1, 2025, but before July 1, 2026, \$175.

(3) For a renewal due on or after July 1, 2026, but before July 1, 2027, \$180.

(4) For a renewal due on or after July 1, 2027, but before July 1, 2028, \$185.

(5) For a renewal due on or after July 1, 2028, \$190.

2. If the holder has been granted an extension of time pursuant to NAC 391.077, the applicant must, instead *of submitting a fee in the amount required by paragraph (c) of subsection 1*, submit a fee in an amount equal to the fee prescribed by NAC 391.045 for the initial issuance of a license. Any fee submitted pursuant to this *subsection or* paragraph *(c) of subsection 1* includes the fees for processing the fingerprints of the licensee by the Central Repository for Nevada Records of Criminal History and the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

~~§2~~ 3. An application for renewal may not be submitted more than 9 months before the expiration date of a license.

~~§3~~ 4. The Superintendent of Public Instruction may delay the expiration date of a license:

(a) For not more than 30 days if the licensee has completed the educational prerequisites prescribed in NAC 391.065 and the general prerequisites prescribed in subsection 1 in a timely manner, except:

- (1) Submission of the application for renewal or the renewal fee, or both; or
- (2) Submission of the current official transcript or verification of credits.

(b) For not more than 120 days pending receipt of the reports of the criminal history of the licensee by the Central Repository for Nevada Records of Criminal History and the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Sec. 7. NAC 391.073 is hereby amended to read as follows:

391.073 1. A person who is retired and who holds a valid license issued by the Superintendent of Public Instruction may submit an application on a form prescribed by the Department for renewal of the license. The application must include:

(a) Proof that the applicant has at least 15 years of verified employment experience as a teacher or administrator at a public or private school in this State; and

(b) Except as otherwise provided in ~~{this paragraph,}~~ *subsection 2*, a renewal fee of ~~{\$150.}~~ :

(1) For a renewal due on or after the effective date of this regulation but before July 1, 2025, \$170.

(2) For a renewal due on or after July 1, 2025, but before July 1, 2026, \$175.

(3) For a renewal due on or after July 1, 2026, but before July 1, 2027, \$180.

(4) For a renewal due on or after July 1, 2027, but before July 1, 2028, \$185.

(5) For a renewal due on or after July 1, 2028, \$190.

2. If the applicant has been granted an extension of time pursuant to NAC 391.077, the applicant must , instead *of submitting a fee in the amount required by paragraph (b) of*

subsection 1, submit a fee in an amount equal to the fee prescribed by NAC 391.045 for the initial issuance of a license. Any fee submitted pursuant to this *subsection or* paragraph *(b) of subsection 1* includes the fees for processing the fingerprints of the applicant by the Central Repository for Nevada Records of Criminal History and the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

3. Except as otherwise provided in subsection ~~4~~ 6, the requirements for renewal set forth in NAC 391.065 do not apply ~~to~~ *to the renewal of a license pursuant to this section.*

~~12~~ 4. An application for renewal pursuant to this section may not be submitted earlier than 9 months before the expiration date of the license.

~~13~~ 5. Notwithstanding the provisions of NAC 391.060 to the contrary, the renewal of a license pursuant to this section is valid for 10 years. The Superintendent of Public Instruction may delay the expiration of a license for not more than 120 days pending receipt of the reports of the criminal history of the licensee by the Central Repository for Nevada Records of Criminal History and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. A person may renew the license pursuant to this section if he or she satisfies the requirements of subsection 1.

~~14~~ 6. If a person who holds a license that is renewed pursuant to this section accepts employment with a public employer and is retired under the Public Employees' Retirement System, the person shall comply with the applicable provisions of chapter 286 of NRS and any other statutes and regulations applicable to retired public employees.

~~15~~ 7. An applicant for renewal pursuant to this section who seeks to renew an endorsement in a field of specialization shall comply with the applicable requirements for the renewal of the endorsement.

~~16~~ 8. As used in this section, "public employer" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 286.070.

The intent of updating this regulation is to remove the middle school computer science endorsement as the secondary computer science endorsement can teach grades 6-12.

Sec. 8. NAC 391.111 is hereby amended to read as follows:

391.111 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 6, to receive a license to teach middle school or junior high school education, a person must hold a bachelor's degree or a higher degree from an accredited college or university and have completed:

(a) A program of preparation for teaching middle school or junior high school education which is approved by the Board; or

(b) Twenty-four semester credits of course work in professional education which must include:

(1) Eight semester credits of supervised student teaching in a designated level of middle school or junior high school;

(2) A course in the methods and materials for teaching the major or minor field of specialization at the middle school, junior high school or secondary grade level, or a course in integrated methods at the middle school or junior high school level;

(3) Three semester credits *of course work* in a course of study regarding education or *strategies for working with students with disabilities, including* curricular adaptation ; ~~for pupils with disabilities;~~

(4) Six semester credits of course work in at least two of the following areas:

- (I) The foundations, history, theory or philosophy of middle school;
- (II) The curriculum, pedagogy or assessment for middle school;
- (III) Adolescent growth and development;
- (IV) The nature and needs of the adolescent, including social, emotional and cultural concerns;

- (V) Classroom management strategies;
- (VI) School, family and community collaboration; or
- (VII) Supervision and evaluation of programs and pupils in a middle school; and

(5) Six semester credits of course work in any of the following subjects:

- (I) English as a second language, bilingualism or biculturalism;
- (II) ~~{Educational}~~ *Computer science and educational* technology;
- (III) Tests and measurement;
- (IV) Educational psychology;
- (V) ~~{Education of the exceptional child};~~

~~—(VI)~~ Multicultural education; or

~~{(VII)}~~ *(VI)* Educational research.

2. In addition to the requirements set forth in subsection 1, an applicant for a license to teach middle school or junior high school education must have:

(a) Passed, at the level of competence specified by the Department, a competency examination approved by the Department on the subject matter of a field of specialization or area of concentration; or

(b) Completed 24 semester credits in a major field of endorsement or area of concentration.

Subsequent minor fields of endorsement may be added to the license upon verification of 14 semester hours of credit.

3. The following subjects are recognized for an endorsement of a license to teach middle school or junior high school education:

(a) Art;

~~(b) *Computer science;*~~

(c) English language arts;

~~[(e)]~~ (d) Instrumental and vocal music;

~~[(d)]~~ (e) Instrumental music;

~~[(e)]~~ (f) Mathematics;

~~[(f)]~~ (g) Science;

~~[(g)]~~ (h) Social science;

~~[(h)]~~ (i) Vocal music; and

~~[(i)]~~ (j) World languages, in accordance with subsection 26 of NAC 391.131.

4. An endorsement for mathematics for a person who has not passed a competency examination as described in paragraph (a) of subsection 2 requires the completion of three semester credits in a course in college algebra or the concepts of calculus, including, without limitation, an introduction to limits, derivatives and integrals, precalculus or differential calculus.

5. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 4, a major or minor field of endorsement or area of concentration identified in subsection 3 shall be deemed to be satisfied if the applicant holds a bachelor's degree or a higher degree with a major, minor or area of concentration identified on the official transcript of record conferred by a regionally accredited college or university.

6. An applicant who holds a valid license to teach elementary education, early childhood education, special education or secondary education and who has previously satisfied the requirements of subsection 1 or has completed comparable course work, as determined by the Department, is not required to satisfy the requirements again to receive a license to teach middle school or junior high school education.

The intent of updating this regulation is to remove 6 semester credits from the required 12 semester credits as they are not necessary.

Sec. 9. NAC 391.120 is hereby amended to read as follows:

391.120 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 5 or for a person who is applying for a secondary license pursuant to subsection 2, to receive a secondary license, a person must hold a bachelor's degree and have completed:

(a) A program of preparation for teaching in the secondary grades approved by the Board pursuant to NAC 391.557 and 391.558;

(b) Courses approved by the ~~Board~~ *Department* pursuant to NAC 391.082; or

(c) Twenty-two semester hours of courses in secondary education, as follows:

(1) Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3, 8 semester hours of supervised teaching;

(2) A course in the methods and materials of teaching a field of specialization; ~~and~~

(3) *Three semester hours in strategies for working with students with disabilities, including curricular adaption; and*

(4) Any other courses in secondary education approved by the Commission.

2. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 5, to receive a secondary license with an endorsement in career and technical education, a person must hold a bachelor's degree in education with a major or minor in career and technical education or a bachelor's degree that is aligned to a subject area for which the board of trustees of a school district may offer a program of career and technical education pursuant to NAC 389.803 and:

(a) Have completed ~~23~~ *22* semester hours of credit as follows:

(1) Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3, 8 semester hours of supervised teaching;

(2) Except as otherwise provided in subsection 4, 3 semester hours in the methods of teaching career and technical education;

(3) Except as otherwise provided in subsection 4, 3 semester hours in secondary

curriculum and instruction;

~~(4) Three semester hours in career development and work-based learning;~~

~~(5) Three semester hours in management of pupil organization in career and technical education; and~~

(6) ~~[Any other courses in secondary education approved by the Commission;]~~ *Three semester hours in strategies for working with students with disabilities, including curricular adaptation;*

(7) *Any other courses in secondary education approved by the Commission.*

(b) Complete 1 year of verifiable work experience, which may be paid or unpaid, in a business, industry or agency that is aligned to a subject area for which the board of trustees of a school district may offer a program of career and technical education pursuant to NAC 389.803; and

(c) Hold a valid license issued by a licensing authority of this State in the area of career and technical education for which the person is applying for an endorsement if such a license is required by state law.

3. If a person who is licensed pursuant to this chapter is applying for an additional license pursuant to NRS 391.0315 and the person has 3 years of verified teaching experience, the person is not required to complete the 8 semester hours of supervised teaching required by subsection 1 or 2, as applicable, but must fulfill those 8 semester hours by completing additional courses in secondary education approved by the Commission.

4. An applicant for an endorsement in career and technical education who holds a valid secondary license is exempt from the requirements of subparagraphs (2) and (3) of paragraph (a) of subsection 2.

5. An applicant for a secondary license who holds a valid license to teach elementary

education, early childhood education, special education or middle school or junior high school

education and who has previously satisfied the requirements of subsection 1 or 2, as applicable, or has completed comparable course work as determined by the Department, is not required to satisfy the requirements again to receive a secondary license.

Sec. 10. NAC 391.215 is hereby amended to read as follows:

391.215 To receive an endorsement to teach art, a person must hold a bachelor's degree and:

1. Have completed an approved program of preparation for teaching art; or
2. Have completed:
 - (a) Thirty-six semester hours in the principles of fine and applied arts which included:
 - (1) The history of art;
 - (2) Design;
 - (3) Drawing;
 - (4) Painting;
 - (5) Digital or graphic arts;
 - (6) Ceramics or sculpture; and
 - (7) Photography or printmaking; and
 - (b) Twenty-two semester hours of professional education which included:
 - (1) Foundations of education;
 - (2) Methods of teaching art in elementary or secondary schools; ~~and~~
 - (3) Eight semester hours of supervised teaching ~~and~~ ; *and*
 - (4) *Three semester hours in strategies for working with students with disabilities, including curricular adaptation.*

Sec. 11. NAC 391.270 is hereby amended to read as follows:

391.270 To receive an endorsement to teach music, a person must have a bachelor's degree and:

1. Have completed an approved program of preparation for teaching music; or
2. Have completed:
 - (a) Twenty-two semester hours of professional education which included:
 - (1) Foundations of education;
 - (2) Methods of teaching music in elementary or secondary grades; ~~and~~
 - (3) Eight semester hours of supervised teaching; and
 - (4) Three semester hours in strategies for working with students with disabilities, including curricular adaptation; and*
 - (b) Thirty-six semester hours in the foundations of music which included:
 - (1) Music theory;
 - (2) The history or literature of music;
 - (3) Applied music, including an area of specialization in vocal or instrumental music;
 - (4) Conducting;
 - (5) Techniques for brass, woodwind, percussion, piano and string instruments;
 - (6) Diction or vocal techniques and pedagogy; and
 - (7) Music ensemble.

Sec. 12. Section 2 of LCB File No. R128-22 is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 2. 1. The Superintendent of Public Instruction may issue a provisional special license with an endorsement as a student teacher resident to a person to teach pupils in a program of early childhood education, kindergarten, grades 1 to 12, inclusive, or special education if the person:

- (a) Is enrolled in a teacher preparation program that is approved by the Commission;
- (b) Has completed at least 90 semester credits of course work or equivalent course work in a teacher preparation program that is approved by the Commission;
- (c) Has a recommendation from the teacher preparation program to student teach; and
- (d) Applies for such a provisional special license and pays a fee of \$100 which includes the fees for processing the fingerprints of the applicant by the Central Repository for Nevada Records of Criminal History and the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

2. A provisional special license with an endorsement as a student teacher resident issued pursuant to this section:

- (a) Authorizes the holder of the provisional special license to teach in a county school district, a charter school or a university school for profoundly gifted pupils;
- (b) Is valid for 1 year from the date of issue; and
- (c) Is nonrenewable.

3. A person who holds only a provisional special license with an endorsement as a student teacher resident issued pursuant to this section is exempt from the provisions of NAC 391.036 and ~~paragraphs~~ *paragraph* (b) ~~[(c) and (d)]~~ of subsection 1 of NAC 391.045.

4. The Department shall not issue any other endorsement on a provisional special license with an endorsement as a student teacher resident issued pursuant to this section.

5. If a person who holds a provisional special license with an endorsement as a student teacher resident issued pursuant to this section withdraws from or is no longer enrolled in a teacher preparation program, not later than 15 days after the person withdraws or otherwise ceases to be enrolled in the program, the provider of the program

must notify the Department of the name and license number of the person and the date on which the person withdrew or otherwise ceased to be enrolled in the program. A provisional special license issued pursuant to this section becomes invalid immediately upon the receipt of such notification.

6. As used in this section, “teacher preparation program” means a course of study and training for the preparation of teachers or other educational personnel approved pursuant to NAC 391.558 or a program for an alternative route for the licensure of teachers and administrators approved pursuant to NAC 391.461.

**APPROVED REGULATION OF THE COMMISSION ON
PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS IN EDUCATION**

LCB File No. R032-25

Filed April 29, 2026

EXPLANATION – Matter in *italics* is new; matter in brackets ~~[omitted material]~~ is material to be omitted.

AUTHORITY: §§ 1-3, NRS 391.019.

A REGULATION relating to educational personnel; revising the requirements for obtaining and renewing a business and industry endorsement; repealing provisions governing an endorsement to teach automotive service technology; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

Existing law requires the Commission on Professional Standards in Education to adopt regulations: (1) prescribing the qualifications for licensing teachers and other educational personnel; and (2) setting forth the educational requirements a person must satisfy to qualify for an endorsement in a field of specialization. (NRS 391.019)

Specifically, existing regulations prescribe the requirements for the issuance of a business and industry endorsement and provide for the issuance of such an endorsement for: (1) a program of career and technical education in certain authorized programs of study; (2) a program in ethnic music, ethnic dance or dance performance; or (3) a program in military science. (NAC 389.803, as amended by LCB File No. R145-22, NAC 391.420, 391.425) In relevant part, existing regulations require an applicant for a business and industry endorsement to provide proof that the applicant has been employed for a specified period of time in a position related to the program for which the applicant is applying for the endorsement. Additionally, existing regulations require an applicant for certain programs of study related to agriculture or construction to prove that the work experience was in certain areas. (NAC 389.803, as amended by LCB File No. R145-22, NAC 391.425) **Section 2** of this regulation removes the specific requirements for an applicant to demonstrate that the work experience was in the designated area, and instead requires any applicant for a business or industry endorsement, regardless of the underlying program, to demonstrate that the work experience is in a business or industry position related to the program.

Existing regulations generally require an applicant who wishes to renew a business and industry endorsement for the first time to satisfy certain requirements for professional development. Existing regulations, however, exempt such an applicant who wishes to renew a business and industry endorsement for ethnic dance from these general professional development requirements if the applicant has taken certain courses relating to classroom management or dance. (NAC 391.425) **Section 2** extends this exemption from the general professional

development requirements to an applicant for a renewed business and industry endorsement for dance performance.

Existing regulations contemplate a business and industry endorsement for a program of study in automotive service technology. (NAC 391.425) However, existing regulations do not recognize a program of study for automotive service technology, thereby removing the ability of a person to receive a business and industry endorsement in this program of study. (NAC 389.803, as amended by LCB File No. R145-22, NAC 391.420, 391.425) **Section 2** removes the obsolete provisions for a business and industry endorsement for the program of study in automotive service technology.

Existing regulations prescribe the requirements for an endorsement to teach automotive service technology. (NAC 391.13065) **Section 3** of this regulation repeals the provisions relating to this endorsement.

Section 1 of this regulation makes a conforming change related to the renumbering of the provisions set forth in **section 2**.

Section 1. NAC 391.036 is hereby amended to read as follows:

391.036 1. Except as otherwise provided in this section, paragraph (h) of subsection 1 of NRS 391.019, NAC 391.0545, paragraph (a) of subsection 9 of NAC 391.0896, subsection 7 of NAC 391.0897, subsection 3 of NAC 391.180, subsection 3 of NAC 391.223, paragraph (b) of subsection 3 of NAC 391.231, paragraph (b) of subsection 3 of NAC 391.233, subsection 3 of NAC 391.276, subsection 2 of NAC 391.277, subsection 2 of NAC 391.279, subsection 4 of NAC 391.305, subsection 4 of NAC 391.312, subsection 2 of NAC 391.315, subsection 4 of NAC 391.320, subsection 3 of NAC 391.370, ~~paragraph (b) of~~ subsection ~~4~~ 3 of NAC 391.425, subsection 2 of section 2 of LCB File No. 123-22, subsection 2 of section 3 of LCB File No. 123-22, subsection 2 of section 1 of LCB File No. 124-22, section 2 of LCB File No. 128-22 and section 1 of LCB File No. R070-24, an applicant who applies for:

(a) A license must pass a competency test that has been approved by the Commission, at the level of competence specified by the Commission, in:

- (1) Basic reading, writing and mathematics;
- (2) The principles and methods of teaching; and

(3) The subject matter of the area of endorsement on the license or the area of endorsement necessary for the applicant's area of assignment.

(b) An additional endorsement on a license held by the applicant must pass a competency test that has been approved by the Commission, at the level of competence specified by the Commission, in the subject matter of the area of endorsement for which the applicant is applying.

2. The Superintendent of Public Instruction may exempt an applicant from any of the tests required by subsection 1 if the applicant:

(a) Submits to the Department evidence that he or she:

(1) Has retired from teaching in this State;

(2) Held a special license, a license to teach elementary or secondary education, a license to teach special education, a license to teach pupils in a program of early childhood education or a license to teach middle school or junior high school education, which:

(I) Has expired within the year immediately preceding the date on which his or her application was submitted;

(II) Was free from any conditions that the applicant pass a competency test; and

(III) Authorized the applicant to teach in the same grade level and subject area for which he or she is applying to receive a license;

(3) Was required, for the issuance of the applicant's expired license, to complete courses of study and experience which are substantially equivalent to the courses of study and experience required for the issuance of the license for which he or she is applying; and

(4) Otherwise satisfies the requirements for the issuance of a license;

(b) Submits to the Department evidence that the applicant has passed, as part of a teacher education program approved by a state and offered through a regionally accredited college or university, competency examinations equivalent to those required of the applicant by subsection 1, as determined by the Department; or

(c) Submits to the Department evidence that the applicant holds a license to teach issued by another state which is acceptable to the Department for purposes of reciprocity.

3. An applicant is exempt from the requirement to pass a competency test in basic reading, writing and mathematics if the applicant submits to the Department:

(a) Official documentation which indicates that he or she passed, within the 10 years immediately preceding the date on which his or her application was submitted and at the level of competency specified by the Commission:

(1) The “Praxis Core Academic Skills for Educators” in reading, mathematics and writing, prepared and administered by the Educational Testing Service; or

(2) A test of basic skills that is determined by the Department to be equivalent to the test prescribed by subparagraph 1;

(b) Evidence that the applicant has:

(1) Received a master’s or more advanced degree from a regionally accredited college or university; and

(2) Completed, within the 10 years immediately preceding the date on which his or her application was submitted, the “Graduate Record Examinations,” prepared and administered by the Educational Testing Service, or its equivalent, and received a score which was at or above the midpoint of the score range in effect at the time the examination was administered;

(c) Official documentation which indicates that the applicant completed, within the 10 years immediately preceding the date on which his or her application was submitted:

- (1) The ACT, administered by ACT, Inc., with a combined score of at least 21; or
- (2) The SAT, administered by the Educational Testing Service, with a combined score of at least 1100; or

(d) Evidence that the applicant:

- (1) Did not pass, at the level of competence specified by the Commission, the “Praxis Core Academic Skills for Educators” in reading, mathematics and writing, prepared and administered by the Educational Testing Service; and
- (2) After not passing the competency test described in subparagraph (1), began and completed, with a grade of B or better, a course of study approved by the Department in each subject area of the competency test described in subparagraph (1) that the applicant did not pass. Evidence of the completion of a course of study pursuant to this subparagraph must consist of official transcripts indicating completion of the course of study as required by this subparagraph.

4. An applicant is exempt from the requirement to pass a competency test in the principles and methods of teaching if he or she:

(a) Submits to the Department official documentation which indicates that the applicant passed, at the level of competency specified by the Commission, the “Principles of Learning and Teaching Test” prepared and administered by the Educational Testing Service; or

(b) Is applying for a license with an endorsement in an area for which training in the principles and methods of teaching is not required.

5. An applicant is exempt from the requirement to pass a competency test in the subject matter of the area of endorsement if he or she:

(a) Submits to the Department official documentation which indicates that the applicant passed, within the 10 years immediately preceding the date on which his or her application was submitted and at the level of competency specified by the Commission, the competency test in that subject matter;

(b) Is applying for a license or endorsement in an area for which no competency tests have been approved by the Commission;

(c) Is applying for an endorsement to teach pupils who have speech and language impairments and submits to the Department official documentation which indicates that he or she has received a certificate of clinical competence from the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association; or

(d) Is applying for an endorsement in family and consumer sciences and submits to the Department official documentation which indicates that the applicant satisfactorily completed the “Family and Consumer Sciences Composite Examination,” prepared and administered by the American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences.

6. An applicant who fails to comply with the provisions of this section may not apply for a renewable license.

The intent of this regulation is to remove 6 of the required 12 credits to renew a Business & Industry license as they are not necessary.

Sec. 2. NAC 391.425 is hereby amended to read as follows:

1. To receive a business and industry endorsement, the applicant must:

(a) Have earned a high school diploma or its equivalent;

(b) Provide to the Department proof acceptable to the Department that the applicant has been employed:

(1) Full time for at least 2 years after 18 years of age in a position *in a business or*

industry which relates to the program for which he or she is applying for endorsement; or

(2) For an aggregate total of 4,000 hours after 18 years of age in a position *in a business or industry* which relates to the program for which he or she is applying for endorsement; and

(c) Hold the appropriate professional license if one is required by law for employment in an occupation which the person desires to teach.

2. A person who holds a license with a business and industry endorsement or career and technical education endorsement may receive an additional business and industry endorsement if:

(a) He or she provides to the Department a Workforce Competency Credential issued by the National Occupational Competency Testing Institute, or its successor organization, related to the area of endorsement for which he or she is applying; or

(b) He or she:

(1) Provides to the Department proof acceptable to the Department that he or she has taught for at least 2 full academic years in a program of career and technical education; and

(2) Holds a recognized certification from the industry or field for which he or she is applying to add an additional business and industry endorsement.

3. ~~[To fulfill the requirement of work experience required by paragraph (b) of subsection 1, a person who wishes to receive a business and industry endorsement must, if the endorsement is for:~~

~~—(a) Agricultural and natural resources science, have industry experience in at least three of the following areas:~~

~~——(1) Agricultural business and marketing;~~

~~——(2) Animal science or veterinary medicine;~~

~~——(3) Forestry;~~

- ~~—(4) Horticulture;~~
- ~~—(5) Floriculture;~~
- ~~—(6) Landscaping;~~
- ~~—(7) Agricultural research; or~~
- ~~—(8) Food science, food manufacturing or a combination thereof.~~
- ~~—(b) Construction technology, have at least:~~
 - ~~—(1) One year of industry experience in carpentry; and~~
 - ~~—(2) One year or 2,000 total hours of industry experience in fields relating to construction, other than carpentry.~~
- ~~—4.]~~ In addition to the requirements set forth in subsection 1, a person who wishes to receive or renew a business and industry endorsement ~~must:~~
 - ~~—(a) If the endorsement is for automotive service technology, be certified by the National Institute for Automotive Service Excellence as:~~
 - ~~—(1) A master automobile technician; or~~
 - ~~—(2) An automobile technician in the following areas:~~
 - ~~—(I) Brakes;~~
 - ~~—(II) Electrical and electronic systems;~~
 - ~~—(III) Auto maintenance and light repair; and~~
 - ~~—(IV) Suspension and steering.~~
 - ~~—(b) If the endorsement is]~~ for military science [,] **must** be certified by the secretary of the military branch in which the applicant serves or from which the applicant has retired to teach pupils in the Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps program developed pursuant to 10 U.S.C.

§ 2031. A person who meets the requirements of this ~~paragraph~~ subsection and who teaches pupils in the Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps program is exempt from the:

[(1)] (a) Provisions of subsection [5;] 4; and

[(2)] (b) Provisions of NAC 391.036.

~~[5.]~~ 4. Except as otherwise provided in ~~[paragraph (b) of subsection 4 and]~~ subsections ~~[6]~~ 3 and 5 to ~~[9.]~~ 8, inclusive, a person who desires to renew for the first time an endorsement issued pursuant to this section must provide proof that he or she has received, from a regionally accredited postsecondary institution or an approved program in professional development for educators, credit for ~~12~~ 6 semester hours or the equivalent number of hours of professional development as follows:

(a) Three semester hours or the equivalent number of hours of professional development in curriculum and instruction for career and technical education or secondary education; *and*

(b) Three semester hours or the equivalent number of hours of professional development in a course involving teaching methodology for career and technical education or secondary education;

~~(c) Three semester hours or the equivalent number of hours of professional development in a course on career development and work-based learning; and~~

~~(d) Three semester hours or the equivalent number of hours of professional development in a course on career and technical student organization and management.~~

~~[6.] 5.—A person who holds a master's degree or higher degree from a regionally accredited college or university in his or her area of endorsement is exempt from the requirements of paragraphs (c) and (d) of subsection [5.]~~

~~—7.] 4.~~

~~6.~~ 5. A person who adds an additional business and industry endorsement to an existing license pursuant to subsection 2 is exempt from the requirements of subsection ~~15~~ 4 for the additional endorsement.

~~18~~ 7. 6. A person who desires to renew for the first time a business and industry endorsement for ethnic music issued pursuant to this section is exempt from the requirements of subsection ~~15~~ 4 if the person provides proof that he or she has received, from an accredited postsecondary institution, credit for ~~12~~ 6 semester hours as follows:

(a) Three semester hours of course work that includes classroom management ~~or music methodology, or both~~; and

(b) ~~Nine~~ Three semester hours in *music methodology*. ~~the subject area of music.~~

~~19~~ 8. 7. A person who desires to renew for the first time a business and industry endorsement for ethnic dance *or dance performance* issued pursuant to this section is exempt from the requirements of subsection ~~15~~ 4 if the person provides proof that he or she has received, from an accredited postsecondary institution, credit for ~~12~~ 6 semester hours as follows:

(a) Three semester hours of course work that includes classroom management ~~or dance methodology, or both~~; and

~~(b) Nine~~ Three semester hours *of dance methodology*. ~~in the subject area of dance.~~

New paragraph 8: A person who desires to renew for the first time in a business and industry endorsement for musical instrument technology and repair issued to this section is exempt from the requirements of subsection 4 if the person provides proof that he or she has received, from an accredited postsecondary institution, credit for 6 semester hours as follows:

- (a) Three semester hours of course work that includes classroom management; and*
- (b) Three semester hours of teaching methodology for career and technical education or secondary education.*

Sec. 3. NAC 391.13065 is hereby repealed.

TEXT OF REPEALED SECTION

391.13065 Endorsement to teach automotive service technology: Qualifications; provisional endorsement; credit toward renewal of license. (NRS 391.019)

1. To receive an endorsement to teach automotive service technology, a person must:
 - (a) Hold a secondary license;
 - (b) Have satisfied the requirements for an endorsement in automotive service technology pursuant to subsection 2 of NAC 391.120; and
 - (c) Be certified by the National Institute for Automotive Service Excellence as:
 - (1) A master automobile technician; or
 - (2) An auto maintenance and light repair technician and as an automobile and light truck technician in the following areas:
 - (I) Brakes;
 - (II) Electrical and electronic systems; and
 - (III) Suspension and steering.
2. A person who has satisfied the requirements for an endorsement set forth in paragraphs (a) and (b) of subsection 1 but not the requirement of certification by the National Institute for Automotive Service Excellence required by paragraph (c) of that subsection may receive a

provisional endorsement to teach automotive service technology. A provisional endorsement issued pursuant to this subsection is valid for 3 years and is not renewable.

3. A person who holds an endorsement to teach automotive service technology is entitled to receive 3 semester hours of credit toward the renewal of his or her license pursuant to NAC 391.065 for each area set forth in paragraph (c) of subsection 1 in which he or she is certified by the National Institute for Automotive Service Excellence as an auto maintenance and light repair technician, automobile and light truck technician or master automobile technician during the term of the license.

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August 10, 2026**

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9:05 A.M. Workshop R124-26 to Solicit Comments on Proposed Amendments to NAC Chapter 391.XXX & R119-22 – Conforming language for NAC 391.111 and NAC 391.1301 – Comprehensive majors and minors recognized by Commission. The Commission will consider a regulation relating to educational personnel; revising provisions relating to an endorsement in recognized fields of specialization or areas of concentration for secondary education; and providing other matters properly relating thereto. This regulation will expand pathways for teaching in a secondary Career and Technical Education classroom. The Commission may approve or not approve moving this regulation to a Public Hearing.

A copy of all materials relating to the proposal may be obtained at the workshop, on the [Meeting Materials page](#), by contacting the Nevada Department of Education, via email at geraldine.mendiola@doe.nv.gov, by telephone at 702-668-4317, or in person at the **Nevada Department of Education Offices at 700 East Fifth Street, Carson City 89701 or 2080 East Flamingo Road, Room 114, Las Vegas, Nevada 89119**. Persons wishing to comment upon the proposed action of the Commission may provide in-person testimony, submit written comment to the Commission via email at COPS@doe.nv.gov or submit their comments, data, views, or arguments in written form to the **Nevada Department of Education Offices, 700 East Fifth Street, Carson City 89701 or 2080 East Flamingo Road, Room 114, Las Vegas, Nevada 89119**. Comments may be submitted via email leading up to and for the duration of the workshop, and those submitted via mail must be received by the Commission on or before **Friday, September 11, 2026**.

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**SMALL BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT
PURSUANT TO NRS 233B.0608**

DATE: August 10, 2026

RE: Workshop R124-26 to Solicit Comments on Proposed Amendments to NAC Chapter 391.XXX & R119-22 – Conforming language for NAC 391.111 and NAC 391.1301 – Comprehensive majors and minors recognized by Commission.

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

1. The proposed regulation is 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 scope of the Department's activities and present no significant cost of enforcement.
4. Comments have 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 adverse 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 the information contained in this statement was prepared properly and is accurate.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "V. Wakefield".

Dr. Victor Wakefield
Superintendent of Public Instruction

**PROPOSED REGULATION OF THE COMMISSION ON
PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS IN EDUCATION**

LCB File No. R124-26

June 12, 2026

EXPLANATION – Matter in *italics* is new; matter in brackets ~~[omitted material]~~ is material to be omitted.

AUTHORITY: § 1, NRS 391.019.

A REGULATION relating to educational personnel; revising provisions relating to an endorsement in recognized fields of specialization or areas of concentration for secondary education; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

Existing law requires the Commission on Professional Standards in Education to adopt regulations prescribing the qualifications for licensing teachers and other educational personnel. Those regulations must require an applicant for a license to teach middle school or junior high school education or secondary education to demonstrate proficiency in a field of specialization or area of concentration by successfully completing course work prescribed by the Department of Education or completing a subject matter competency examination prescribed by the Department with a satisfactory score. (NRS 391.019) Existing regulations authorize the Superintendent of Public Instruction to issue an endorsement in certain recognized fields of specialization or areas of concentration for middle school or junior high school education or secondary education to a person who: (1) holds a certain license to teach; and (2) has passed a certain competency examination on the subject matter of the applicable field of specialization or area of concentration. (Section 1 of LCB File No. R119-22) This regulation eliminates provisions which only authorize the Superintendent of Public Instruction to issue such an endorsement for secondary education for a field in academic education, thereby authorizing the issuance of such an endorsement for a field in academic education or career and technical education.

Section 1. Section 1 of LCB File No. R119-22 is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 1. The Superintendent of Public Instruction may issue an endorsement for middle school or junior high school education pursuant to NAC 391.111 or an endorsement for secondary education, for a field ~~[in academic education]~~ described

in ~~subsection 1 of~~ NAC 391.1301 or a single subject in academic education described in NAC 391.131, pursuant to NAC 391.125, to a person who:

1. Holds a valid elementary, secondary or special teaching license, a valid license to teach special education, a valid license to teach middle school or junior high school education or a valid license to teach pupils in a program of early childhood education; and
2. Has passed, at the level of competence specified by the Commission, a competency examination approved by the Commission on the subject matter of the field of specialization or area of concentration.

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9:06 A.M. Workshop R159-26 to Solicit Comments on Proposed Amendments to NAC 391.055 – Provisional 1-year licensure or endorsement of person who holds renewable license issued in this State, NAC 391.056 as amended by R063-23 – Provisional nonrenewable licensure: Qualification; term of validity; addition of endorsements, NAC 391.180 as amended by R120-22 – Endorsement as a school counselor, and Authorization to serve as a school counselor without endorsement, NAC 391.185 – Qualifications for endorsement as a school counselor, and NAC 391.187 – Provisional License as a school counselor. The Commission will consider a regulation. The intent of this regulation is to comply with Assembly Bill 49 and Senate Bill 277 (2025) allowing a person who is enrolled in a program for school counseling to complete their internship while working in a school. The Commission may approve or not approve moving this regulation to a Public Hearing.

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DATE: August 10, 2026

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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 scope of the Department's activities and present no significant cost of enforcement.
4. Comments have 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 adverse 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 the information contained in this statement was prepared properly and is accurate.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "V. Wakefield".

Dr. Victor Wakefield
Superintendent of Public Instruction

**PROPOSED REGULATION OF THE
COMMISSION ON PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS IN EDUCATION**

LCB FILE NO. R159-26I

**The following document is the initial draft regulation proposed
by the agency submitted on 06/30/2026**

The intent of this regulation is to comply with Assembly Bill 49 and Senate Bill 277 (2025) allowing a person who is enrolled in a program for school counseling to complete their internship while working in a school. Additionally, the intent is to align state licensure requirements with current professional standards, evidence-based practices, and clinical research in counseling to address appropriate qualifications, training, and scope of practice to effectively support student learning, mental health, and development within our current educational context.

NAC 391.055 Provisional 1-year licensure or endorsement of person who holds renewable license issued in this State. (NRS 385.080, 391.019, 391.031, 391.032)
(removing counseling from this regulation)

1. The Superintendent of Public Instruction may issue a provisional 1-year license or endorsement to a person who holds a renewable license issued in this State if the person otherwise meets the requirements for licensure, but:

(a) Has a deficiency in credits of 6 semester hours or less; *or*

~~(b) Is a teacher licensed and practicing in this State, applying for an additional license, other than for the teaching of pupils with disabilities, outside his or her grade level of experience as a student teacher; *or*~~

~~(c) Lacks confirmation from a college that the person has completed a school counseling practicum or internship if applying for a school counseling endorsement, but:~~

~~(1) Has completed all the required course work for the school counseling endorsement;~~

~~(2) Has completed 200 hours of the practicum or internship through a regionally accredited college or university, to include a minimum of 100 hours in a school setting at the time of application for licensure; and~~

~~(3) Is currently and continuously enrolled in a regionally accredited college or university school counseling practicum or internship program.~~

2. Any experience as a teacher's aide, a teacher's assistant, an instructor of pupils in a Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps or Jobs for America's Graduates program or a substitute teacher obtained by the holder of a provisional license, who is a teacher, licensed and practicing in this State, but who lacks student teaching experience at the proper grade level, will not be credited towards the requirement for teaching experience or student teaching necessary to qualify for the additional license or endorsement.

3. Any credits earned by the holder of a provisional license or endorsement to qualify for an elementary, secondary or special license, a license to teach special education, a license to teach middle school or junior high school education or a license to teach pupils in a program of early childhood education will not be counted as credits required to renew the elementary, secondary or special license, the license to teach special education, or the license to teach middle school or junior high school education.

4. If holding an elementary, secondary or special license, a license to teach special education, a license to teach middle school or junior high school education or a license to teach pupils in a program of early childhood education is a prerequisite to qualifying for a particular provisional endorsement, any credits earned by the holder of the applicable license to qualify for that provisional endorsement may be counted toward:

(a) Removal of the provision under which the provisional endorsement was issued; and

(b) Renewal of the applicable license.

NAC 391.056 as amended by R063-23 Provisional nonrenewable licensure: Qualifications; term of validity; addition of endorsements. (NRS 391.019, 391.021, 391.032) (removing counseling from this regulation)

1. The Superintendent of Public Instruction may issue a provisional nonrenewable license to an applicant applying for a license pursuant to NAC 391.045 if the applicant:

(a) Otherwise meets the requirements for a license pursuant to NAC 391.045, but:

(1) Has a deficiency in credits of 6 semester hours or less for all areas of licensure or endorsement, unless the provision is for an endorsement as a substitute teacher; or

~~(2) If the applicant is applying for a school counseling endorsement pursuant to NAC 391.185, lacks confirmation from a college that the applicant has completed a school counseling practicum or internship, but:~~

~~(I) Has completed all necessary course-work requirements for the school counseling endorsement;~~

~~(II) Has completed 200 hours of the practicum or internship through a regionally accredited college or university, including, without limitation, a minimum of 100 hours in a school setting at the time of his or her application for licensure; and~~

~~(III) Is currently and continuously enrolled in a regionally accredited college or university school counseling practicum or internship program;~~

(b) Has not passed the tests required by NAC 391.036 and is not exempt from taking such tests; ~~or~~

2. A license issued pursuant to this section expires 3 years after the date on which the license was issued.

3. The holder of a license issued pursuant to this section may add endorsements with provisions to the license during the first year in which the license is valid. Endorsements without provisions may be added to the license at any time during the period in which the license is valid. If an endorsement is added to the license, the endorsement does not affect the date on which the license becomes invalid.

NAC 391.180 as amended by R120-22 Endorsement as a school counselor, *and Authorization to serve as school counselor without endorsement.* (NRS 385.380, 391.019)

~~1. The Department will issue an endorsement as a school counselor to provide counseling to pupils enrolled in kindergarten through grade 12 to qualified applicants.~~

2. 1. Except as otherwise provided in NAC 391.187, a person must hold an endorsement as a school counselor before counseling pupils.

2. *To qualify for an endorsement to serve as a school counselor, a person:*

(a) Must hold a master's or more advanced degree in school counseling

(i) conferred by a regionally accredited college or university; and

(ii) conferred by a college or university that is accredited by a nationally

recognized school counseling accreditor (e.g. Council for

Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs);

(b) Must hold a master's degree or more advanced degree and meet the requirements of subsection 3; or

(c) Must hold a specialty credential as a national certified school counselor issued by the National Board for Certified Counselors.

3. Required coursework, practica, and internship for school counselors aligned with CACREP accreditation standards or ASCA Standards for School Counselor Preparation Programs (or their successor organizations):

(a) At least 48 semester hours of graduate credits in counseling to include each of the following areas:

- (1) Professional Counseling Orientation & Ethical Practice*
- (2) Social & Cultural Identities and Experiences*
- (3) Lifespan Development*
- (4) Career Development*
- (5) Counseling Practice & Relationships*
- (6) Group Counseling & Group Work*
- (7) Assessment & Diagnostic Processes*
- (8) Research & Program Evaluation*

(b) At least 600 hours of a practicum, internship, or field experience in school counseling at any grade level in kindergarten through grade 12 must be served in an accredited school system or a school system which is approved by the Superintendent of Public Instruction.

4. **3.** A person who holds only a special license with an endorsement as a school counselor is exempt from the ~~requirements of subparagraphs (1) and (2) of paragraph (a) of subsection 1 of~~ **basic competency exams in reading, writing, and mathematics as required in** NAC 391.036.

5. To renew an endorsement as a school counselor, the holder of the endorsement must:

- a. Comply with the provisions of NAC 391.065 for the license held by the person and complete professional development consisting of:
 - i. At least 1 hour during the previous calendar year related to ethics in the practice of school counseling;
 - ii. At least 1 hour during the previous calendar year related to evidence-based suicide prevention and awareness or another course of instruction on suicide prevention and awareness; and

- iii. At least 1 hour during the previous calendar year related to cultural competency and diversity, equity and inclusion;
- b. Provide proof that the person holds a valid certificate as a National Certified School Counselor issued by the National Board for Certified Counselors, or its successor organization; or
- c. Provide proof that the person holds a valid certificate as a Certified School Counselor issued by the American School Counselor Association or its successor organization.

~~NAC 391.185 Qualifications for endorsement as school counselor. (NRS 385.080, 391.019)~~

- ~~1. To qualify for an endorsement to serve as a school counselor, a person:~~
 - ~~(a) Must hold a master's degree or a more advanced degree in school counseling;~~
 - ~~(b) Must hold a specialty credential as a national certified school counselor issued by the National Board for Certified Counselors;~~
 - ~~(c) Must hold a master's degree or a more advanced degree with a major in counseling conferred by a regionally accredited college or university and meet the requirements of subsection 2; or~~
 - ~~(d) Must~~
 - ~~(1) Hold a master's degree or a more advanced degree conferred by a regionally accredited college or university;~~
 - ~~(2) Have at least 2 years of teaching experience or at least 2 years of school counseling experience; and~~
 - ~~(3) Meet the requirements of subsection 2.~~
- ~~2. A person who desires to qualify for an endorsement pursuant to paragraph (c) or (d) of subsection 1 must have completed:~~
 - ~~(a) At least 600 hours of a practicum, internship or field experience in school counseling at any grade level in kindergarten through grade 12; and~~

~~(b) At least 36 semester hours of graduate credits in school guidance and counseling in each of the following areas of study:~~

- ~~(1) The process of individual counseling;~~
- ~~(2) The process of group counseling;~~
- ~~(3) Testing and educational assessments;~~
- ~~(4) Legal and ethical issues in counseling;~~
- ~~(5) Career counseling;~~
- ~~(6) Organization and administration of school counseling programs;~~
- ~~(7) Multicultural counseling;~~
- ~~(8) Child and family counseling; and~~
- ~~(9) Two of the following:~~
 - ~~(I) The use of technology in education.~~
 - ~~(II) Exceptional children.~~
 - ~~(III) Human growth and development.~~
 - ~~(IV) Substance abuse counseling.~~

NAC 391.187 *Provisional License as a school counselor* ~~Authorization to serve as school counselor without endorsement. (NRS 391.019)~~

~~1. The Superintendent of Public Instruction may authorize a person who has not received an endorsement pursuant to NAC 391.185 to serve as a school counselor in a school district or charter school if the school district or charter school demonstrates that a person with an endorsement issued pursuant to NAC 391.185 is not available for employment. To receive an authorization pursuant to this subsection, a person must:~~

- ~~(a) Hold a current license issued by the Superintendent of Public Instruction, excluding a business and industry endorsement;~~
- ~~(b) Hold a master's degree in a field related to school counseling or an advanced degree in a field related to school counseling;~~

~~(c) Have completed at least:~~

~~(1) Two years of teaching experience at any grade level in kindergarten through grade 12;~~

~~(2) Two years of school counseling experience at any grade level in kindergarten through grade 12; or~~

~~(3) A practicum, internship or field experience in school counseling at any grade level in kindergarten through grade 12 in addition to the practicum, internship or field experience that is completed pursuant to paragraph (e);~~

~~(d) Be admitted into a regionally accredited graduate level program in school counseling;~~

~~(e) Complete at least 600 hours of an initial practicum, internship or field experience in school counseling at any grade level in kindergarten through grade 12; and~~

~~(f) Have completed at least 24 graduate credits in the following areas of study:~~

~~(1) The process of individual counseling;~~

~~(2) The process of group counseling;~~

~~(3) Testing and educational assessments, as applicable to a school setting at any grade level in kindergarten through grade 12;~~

~~(4) Legal and ethical issues in counseling;~~

~~(5) Developing careers and choosing occupations;~~

~~(6) Organization and administration of school counseling programs;~~

~~(7) Multicultural counseling;~~

~~(8) Child and family counseling, as applicable to a school setting at any grade level in kindergarten through grade 12; and~~

~~(9) One of the following:~~

~~(I) The use of technology in education.~~

~~(II) Exceptional children.~~

~~(III) Human growth and development.~~

~~(IV) Substance abuse counseling.~~

~~2. The Superintendent shall not authorize a person to serve as a school counselor pursuant to subsection 1 for more than 3 years. Such an authorization may be issued only once per person.~~

1. *A school counselor provisional endorsement may be issued to a person if they:*
 - (a) have a bachelor's or higher degree;*
 - (b) completed at least 48 credits of the requisite coursework and practica in the field of school counseling (NAC 391.180.3);*
 - (c) are enrolled in a school counseling training program and need to complete an internship in school counseling; and*
 - (d) applicants who meet the requirements of (a), (b), and (c) do not need to meet the requirement of a master's or more advanced degree in school counseling for this provisional endorsement.*
 - (e) A provisional endorsement shall be issued for three (3) years and cannot be renewed*
2. *A person serving under a provisional license issued pursuant to section 1:*
 - (a) Must practice under the direct and ongoing supervision of a person who holds a full endorsement as a school counselor issued pursuant to NAC 391.180;*
 - (b) Must maintain regular consultation with a representative of the graduate program of the educational institution where the intern is earning their degree; and*
 - (c) May perform duties within the scope of school counseling practice, including but not limited to instruction, individual/group counseling, and consultation.*
 - (d) May participate in mental health risk assessments only as a member of a multidisciplinary team and under the direct supervision of a fully endorsed school counselor*
 - (e) Shall not be the primary signatory or sole evaluator for any formal mental health risk assessment or threat assessment.*
3. *For the purposes of this regulation, a person who is an intern:*

(a) is defined as an individual who has started their internship concurrently with or after the last required training in the program of school counseling provided by the educational institution and is participating in an internship as described in paragraph 2.

(b) should be expected to work under a memorandum of agreement (MOA) between the training program and field site. The MOA must delineate the duration of the internship which may include work provided during the Local Education Agency academic school year that may extend beyond the enrollment in a college/university course/program that includes intern or internship in the title.

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**Notice of Workshop to Solicit Comments on Proposed Regulation
August 10, 2026**

The Commission on Professional Standards in Education is proposing regulation language pertaining to the Nevada Administrative Code (NAC). The Workshop has been scheduled for **Wednesday, September 16, 2026**, via [Livestream Link](#) and at the following locations: **Nevada Department of Education Offices at 700 East Fifth Street, Board Room, Carson City 89701 and 2080 East Flamingo Road, Room 114, Las Vegas, Nevada 89119**. The purpose of the Workshop is to solicit comments from interested persons on the following general topics to be addressed in a proposed regulation:

9:07 A.M. Workshop T001-26 to Solicit Comments on Proposed Amendments to NAC Chapter 391.XXX – Authorization to serve without an endorsement as a school social worker and NAC 391.320 – Endorsement to serve as a school social worker. The Commission will consider a temporary regulation. The intent of this regulation is to comply with Assembly Bill 49 (2025) allowing an employer to hire a person to provide services as a school social worker pending Department licensure, and Senate Bill 277 allowing a person who is enrolled in a program for school social work to complete their internship while working in a school. The Commission may approve or not approve moving this temporary regulation to a Public Hearing.

A copy of all materials relating to the proposal may be obtained at the workshop, on the [Meeting Materials page](#), by contacting the Nevada Department of Education, via email at geraldine.mendiola@doe.nv.gov, by telephone at 702-668-4317, or in person at the **Nevada Department of Education Offices at 700 East Fifth Street, Carson City 89701 or 2080 East Flamingo Road, Room 114, Las Vegas, Nevada 89119**. Persons wishing to comment upon the proposed action of the Commission may provide in-person testimony, submit written comment to the Commission via email at COPS@doe.nv.gov or submit their comments, data, views, or arguments in written form to the **Nevada Department of Education Offices, 700 East Fifth Street, Carson City 89701 or 2080 East Flamingo Road, Room 114, Las Vegas, Nevada 89119**. Comments may be submitted via email leading up to and for the duration of the workshop, and those submitted via mail must be received by the Commission on or before **Friday, September 11, 2026**.

This notice has been sent to all persons on the agencies mailing list for administrative regulations and the Department of Education and posted on the Nevada Department of Education's website at <https://doe.nv.gov>, Nevada's Public Notice site at <https://notice.nv.gov>, the Nevada State Legislature's webpage at <https://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/Notice/A/>, and physically at the Nevada Department of Education Offices and with Nevada State Library and Archives. Copies of this notice will also be emailed and/or mailed to members of the public upon request.

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**SMALL BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT
PURSUANT TO NRS 233B.0608**

DATE: August 10, 2026

RE: Workshop T001-26 to Solicit Comments on Proposed Amendments to NAC Chapter 391.XXX – Authorization to serve without an endorsement as a school social worker and NAC 391.320 – Endorsement to serve as a school social worker.

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

1. The proposed regulation is 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 scope of the Department's activities and present no significant cost of enforcement.
4. Comments have 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 adverse 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 the information contained in this statement was prepared properly and is accurate.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "V. Wakefield".

Dr. Victor Wakefield
Superintendent of Public Instruction

**PROPOSED TEMPORARY REGULATION OF THE
COMMISSION ON PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS IN EDUCATION**

LCB FILE NO. T001-26P

**The following document is a proposed temporary regulation submitted
by the agency on 08/10/2026**

The intent of this regulation is to comply with Assembly Bill 49 (2025) allowing an employer to hire a person to provide services as a school social worker pending Department licensure, and Senate Bill 277 allowing a person who is enrolled in a program for school social work to complete their internship while working in a school. Additionally, the intent is to align state licensure requirements with current professional standards, evidence-based practices, and clinical research in school social work to address appropriate qualifications, training, and scope of practice to effectively support student learning, mental health, and development within our current educational context..

NAC 391.320 Endorsement to serve as *a school* social worker. ([NRS 385.080](#), [391.019](#))

1. Except as otherwise provided in NAC 391.XXX (authorization to serve without an endorsement as a school social worker), a person must hold an endorsement as a school social worker before providing school social work services to pupils.

~~1. 2.~~ To ~~receive~~ *qualify for* an endorsement to serve as a *school* social worker, a person must:

(a) Hold a current license (*LSW, LMSW, or LCSW*) issued by the *Nevada* Board of Examiners for Social Workers ~~or hold a current equivalent license issued by a similar agency in another state and agree to obtain a license issued by the Board of Examiners for Social Workers within 1 year after the date on which the person applied for an endorsement; and~~

(b) ~~Have completed an educational program for social workers in schools which includes a practicum in schools or the equivalent professional or practicum experience providing services directly to children of school age, both individually and in groups, and to their families~~ *Hold a bachelor's degree or higher in social work from a college or university accredited by the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE); and*

~~2. In addition to the requirements listed in subsection 1, a person who wishes to receive such an endorsement must~~

(c) have completed an education program for social workers which includes a practicum in schools or professional or practicum experience providing services directly to children of school age.

~~(a) Have completed a program to serve as a social worker in schools that is approved by the Board;~~

~~—(b) Hold the credential issued by the National Association of Social Workers certifying that the holder is a specialist in social work in schools; or~~

~~—(c) Hold a master's degree in social work from a college or university that has been accredited by the Council on Social Work Education.~~

~~—3. An endorsement to serve as a social worker held by a person who is not licensed in this State expires 1 year after the date on which the holder applied for the endorsement if the holder has not obtained a license issued by the Board of Examiners for Social Workers by that date.~~

3. A school social work provisional endorsement may be issued to a person if they

(a) Hold a bachelor's degree or higher in social work from a college or university accredited by the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE);

(b) Are currently enrolled in a master's degree social work program accredited by the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE); and

(c) Have completed all required coursework and preliminary field hours, except for the final internship and its concurrent coursework.

4. A person who holds a provisional endorsement issued pursuant to subsection 3 is authorized to complete any required internship and its concurrent coursework or practicum hours for the purpose of obtaining a full endorsement as a school social worker while remaining employed in such a position. A person completing their internship or practicum hours under this section:

(a) Is authorized to provide support or other services relating to school social work.

(b) Must practice under the ongoing supervision of a person who holds a full endorsement as a school social worker;

(c) Must work under a memorandum of agreement (MOA) between the CSWE-accredited preparation program and the employer;

(d) Is strictly prohibited from conducting mental health risk assessments.

(e) Must be assigned duties and school social work services that provide direct opportunities to develop the nine core competencies established by the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE); and

(f) Must not count hours spent performing non-social work employment duties (including, but not limited to, serving as a substitute teacher, classroom aide, or administrator) toward the required hours of their social work practicum or internship.

5. 4. To renew the endorsement, the holder must:

(a) Continue to hold a valid license issued by the Board of Examiners for Social Workers; and

(b) *Submit a copy of their Board license to the Department.* ~~Each time that the license is renewed by the Board of Examiners for Social Workers, deliver a copy of the license to the Office of Educator Licensure within the Department.~~

[Bd. of Education, Certification Reg. § 391.470, eff. 10-23-81]—(NAC A by Comm'n on Prof. Standards in Education, 11-27-91; R051-13, 10-23-2013; R138-15, 6-28-2016)

NAC 391.XXX Authorization to serve without an endorsement as a school social worker.

1. *A school district or charter school may hire an applicant for a position as a school social worker if the candidate:*

(a) *Submits a current, valid renewable, unencumbered license from the Nevada Board of Examiners for Social Workers;*

(b) *Submits a receipt that they have applied for a Nevada educator license;*

(c) *Has cleared a fingerprint background check with the Department of Public Safety as described in NRS 391.104; and*

(d) *Is not otherwise prohibited from being employed as a school social worker in this state.*

2. *If the candidate meets the requirements of section 1, a school district or charter school may place the candidate in an assignment that is commensurate with the candidate's Nevada State Board license for up to one year not to exceed the length of the current school year in which the candidate was hired.*

- 3. The school district or charter school shall notify the Department on a form prescribed by the Department each time an employee is hired without a Nevada educator license pursuant to this regulation.*
- 4. The school district or charter school shall immediately discontinue employment with an employee who was hired and placed in assignment if the employee does not submit a valid Nevada educator license to their employer upon receipt from the Department.*