



RESOLUTION

BOARD OF REGENTS' RESOLUTION – *Encouraging the State of Nevada and district school board trustees and superintendents of public K-12 instruction to adopt the statewide administration of the ACT test for all high school students in their junior year.*

WHEREAS, lacking adequate academic planning and preparation, many students in Nevada and across the nation do not see college as an option.

WHEREAS, in recent years in Nevada there has been an increased focus on the importance of preparing all students for college and the workplace.

WHEREAS, the ACT is a curriculum-based test that is aligned with the Common Core State Standards.

WHEREAS, statewide administration of the ACT provides all students, including those who have not previously considered college, with the opportunity to identify strengths and weaknesses, explore educational and career interests, set high standards for academic achievement, and prepare to meet their educational and career goals.

WHEREAS, the ACT is accepted by virtually all postsecondary institutions across the national for college admission and course placement, it provides students with a credential that they can use when they leave high school.

WHEREAS, several states including Colorado, Illinois, Kentucky, Louisiana, Michigan, Mississippi, Tennessee and Wyoming administer the ACT statewide to all public high school students.

WHEREAS, states administering the ACT statewide have seen increases in students' academic achievement and college readiness that parallel national trends.

WHEREAS, states administering the ACT statewide have seen increases in the numbers of students considering and enrolling in college.

RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE NEVADA SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION, that the members of the Board of Regents urge that district superintendents of K-12 education adopt the statewide administration of the ACT test for all high school students in their junior year.

RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution shall be transmitted to each district superintendent of the State of the Nevada and to Governor Bryan Sandoval.

RESOLVED, that this resolution is effective upon passage.

BOARD ACTION REQUESTED

The following actions of the Board are requested:

1. Adopt the resolution encouraging the State of Nevada and district school board trustees and superintendents of public K-12 instruction to adopt the statewide administration of the ACT test for all high school students in their junior year.
2. Indicate for the record the following – The Board of Regents supports the many advantages of statewide ACT test administration, but the actual implementation date of this administration is uncertain given both cost and the potential need for changes in state law. The Board strongly supports requiring the ACT test for admission to an NSHE university, state college or community college and such a policy will be placed on a future agenda of the Board when the ACT test is adopted statewide by district superintendents for administration to all high school students in their junior year. At that time, the Board will further consider a policy requiring that Nevada high school graduates who have taken the ACT will be placed into a college level course based on the ACT cut score defined in *Title 4, Chapter 16, Section 1*. Students who do not achieve those scores may be required by the institution to take additional placement tests as appropriate.