

Education

SCHOOL TALK

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Graduation Requirements

Nevada graduates, in future years, may be required to successfully complete as many as 22 credits. Not only is this an increase of two additional classes from our current requirement, but the number of credits in each individual subject area is receiving attention and sometimes a recommendation for change. English would have a required four classes need for graduation. This is an increase of one class from our current standard. Math would have three classes, an increase of one class from our current requirement, and

physical education and health would be decreased by a credit. Art would be added, along with a competency in computer science.

What all of this means is that students will be asked to complete more basic skill courses in future years with elective or optional courses being decreased. Vocational Technical Education is now in jeopardy. No matter what may be offered as possible alternatives, most of America's graduates each year do not attend college. The proposal by the State Department of education

does, in fact, center itself on those who want to attend a postsecondary school.

There are comments which have been made which suggest that an increase in basic skills, i.e., English, math, computer science, will improve the basic education of those students who want to enter the world of work immediately upon graduation. My response would be if the English is business English, if the math applies to the job the student may be entering, and if computer science is applicable to the work a day world, then there may be some logic to what is being proposed. If not, we once again have made recommendations for educational change based upon a single document called the *Nation at Risk*. This document prompted the Nevada legislature to make a series of sweeping and sometimes controversial resolutions regarding the status of public education in Nevada. What must be considered now is not the status of JUST that student who plans to continue on to college, but the 70 percent of our graduates each year who will never finish a college degree.

If there are to be graduation requirement changes, then we need to have these
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Math Contest To Be Held Apr. 26

The second annual Elementary Mathematics Contest, sponsored by the Southern Nevada Math Council, will be held on Saturday, April 26, 9 a.m. to 12 noon at Valley High School. Elementary schools will field a team of three fifth and/or sixth grade students to participate.

The contest will consist of tests in the areas of math facts, mental arithmetic, and problem solving. For the math facts test, the students will be given three minutes to complete a 100 problem test with mixed facts 0-9 for fifth graders and 0-12 for sixth graders.

For the mental arithmetic test, students will be given oral problems containing a series of 10 to 15 operations. For the problem solving test, students will work as a team to solve both routine and nonroutine word problems.

Participating schools will send a team of three students accompanied by an adult (teacher, principal, or parent). The students will work individually on the math facts and mental arithmetic tests, and as a group on the problem solving test.

Each participant will be awarded a certificate of achievement for being selected as a member of the team. A fifth grade and a sixth grade Grand Champion trophy will be awarded to the schools with the highest team scores.

Summer JING Classes Offered

The Clark County School District in cooperation with the Southern Nevada Employment and Training Office is offering a unique half credit summer class entitled JING (Job Incentives for Nevada's Graduates). The course is free to eligible applicants and will be offered at Basic and Las Vegas High Schools.

The program starts on June 9, 1986 and it ends on July 9, 1986. Classes will be for three hours a day, five days a week and the maximum enrollment is 100.

The JING class provides sixteen year olds or older with job seeking and job keeping skills. In addition to the course, students will be provided with the opportunity

for the fifth grade teams the schools with the highest scoring team from each zone and independent schools will also receive a trophy for the school. For the sixth grade teams, there will be a school trophy for Sixth Grade Center schools, junior high schools housing sixth grade students, regular elementary schools with sixth grade students, and independent schools. The award will remain in the school for one year, or as long as the school retains the title.

The Southern Nevada Math Council is the local affiliate of the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics.

for employment during the summer through Southern Nevada's Employment and Training Summer Youth Program.

To be eligible, applicants must be economically disadvantaged and be at least 16 years of age and not over 21.

The purpose of this program is to provide trainees with the necessary job seeking skills which they may lack to enter the world of work. In addition to job knowledge, the class will also provide credit towards graduation. The work experience gained through participation in the Summer Youth Program will give the students a chance to exercise their newly acquired classroom skills if they choose to take advantage of the opportunity.

Summer classes set for June-Aug.

Sign-ups are now being accepted for junior and senior high summer school classes. Summer school will be held June 23 through August 6. Classes will meet as follows: first period — 7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m., second period — 9:40 a.m. to 11:40 a.m.

Students who wish to attend summer school should notify their counselor immediately. Registration officially takes place June 18 and 19. The Clark County School District dress code will be strictly enforced during summer school and at registration.

Summer school tuition is \$70 per ½ credit class. A student may take a maximum of two classes.

For further information about Secondary Summer School, contact Susan Soong, 799-7922.



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