

NEVADA GIRLS STATE  
SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 2

Memorializes the 2017 session of the Nevada Legislature to enact legislation that will create district proficiency tests based on subject level instead of grade level for math classes in middle school to ensure that students have a mastery of what they learned in the current school year instead of what they will be learning the year after or have learned years ago.

WHEREAS, Because students who excel in a subject may decide to move ahead of other students in that subject while staying in the same grade, grade based tests are not accurate representations of the mastery of particular a subject; and

WHEREAS, Students taking lower leveled classes in one grade may be seen as “below-average” despite the fact that the subject has not yet been taught or discussed in class; and

WHEREAS, Students taking same or similar classes can be compared to other students taking same or similar classes instead of students in the same grade or age level; and

WHEREAS, Teachers can focus their curriculum on certain areas that need improvement for the class as a whole instead of making the assumption that a particular curriculum is not their responsibility to teach; and

WHEREAS, Proficiency tests based on subject level will create a more accurate representation of the Nevada Students’ proficiency levels in the national level; and

WHEREAS, Students who take correct subject tests can get the proper help from teachers, which can bring these students back on par in their current subject; and

WHEREAS, If the testing materials focus on certain subject areas, students and teachers are better able to prepare for the district exam, possibly increasing the district pass rate; and

WHEREAS, If the testing materials are changed to subject-based, students will prosper, and parents, teachers, and students will have a better understanding of their own personal academic achievement given their own individual learning circumstances; therefore be it

RESOLVED BY THE GIRLS STATE OF NEVADA assembled in Carson City on June 26, 2015 that the 2017 session of the Nevada legislature is hereby memorialized to enact legislation to create district standardized tests based on subject level instead of grade level.