

NEVADA GIRLS STATE  
SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 8

Memorializes the 2017 session of the Nevada Legislature to enact legislation that will transition the ACT exam to act as the proficiency requirement that must be passed with a score of 21 out of 36 (national average) in order to graduate.

WHEREAS, A high school diploma is defined as the evidence of basic education required by law for youths; and

WHEREAS, Without the requirement of a standardized test in order to graduate students who are not academically equipped to graduate will be allowed to do so anyway; and

WHEREAS, Eighty percent of high school students admit to cheating on classwork assignments including tests; and

WHEREAS, Only ten percent or less of all students attempt to or succeed in cheating in the ACT; and

WHEREAS, This proves that a standardized test is a more accurate representation of a students knowledge than their grades; and

WHEREAS, Schools are creating falsely portrayed statistics that claim education rates are improving because the number of kids graduating has increased, when in fact this number is only increasing because it is becoming easy to graduate; and

WHEREAS, The value of a diploma is diminished when the requirements to graduate are lowered thus making it harder for Nevada graduates to get into college; and

WHEREAS, This could potentially integrate the idea that instead of improving to be successful the standard should simply be lowered; and

WHEREAS, This idea does not prepare students to be successful in real life; and

WHEREAS, The current implementation of the ACT exam could easily serve as a proficiency; and

WHEREAS, The ACT exam is more accurate in showing where student's test scores rank nationally which could potentially help Nevada know what it must do to raise itself to the test scores being recorded in other states: 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 that will transition the ACT exam to act as the proficiency requirement for high school graduation.