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*Re: Changes in University Admission Standards  
Governor Kenny Guinn Millennium Scholarship Core Curriculum Changes  
State College and Community College Options*

Dear Student:

It's never too early to plan for your future, especially when it concerns your educational future! You will be making choices about which high school courses to take and these choices determine whether you will be eligible to enroll at the University of Nevada, Reno, or the University of Nevada, Las Vegas upon your graduation from high school. The admissions requirements have recently changed and I want to make sure you have the information you need to make good choices about your educational future.

#### **UNIVERSITY ADMISSIONS**

As you enroll for your high school coursework, keep in mind the following Board of Regents' policies governing admission to UNR and UNLV. First, Nevada high school students seeking university admission must complete the following high school courses:

| <u>High School Course</u>  | <u>Units</u> |
|--|--------------|
| English: Emphasis on composition, rhetoric, and American, English and world literatures  | 4            |
| Mathematics: Algebra or higher level mathematics, including first- and second-year algebra, geometry, analytic geometry, trigonometry, pre-calculus, probability and statistics and other advanced mathematics | 3            |
| Natural Science: (lab or simulation) including biology, chemistry or physics, with at least two years in a laboratory science  | 3            |
| Social Science/Studies: Including world history and geography, U.S. history, economics, government, or law   | 3            |

In addition, students seeking admission to the universities today must have at least a **2.75 weighted grade point average** in the aforementioned courses. Effective Fall 2007, SAT and ACT test scores will be also be considered in evaluating students for university admission.

By the time you seek admission to either UNR or UNLV, the grade point average requirement will have increased to 3.00 (effective Fall 2008). In other words, as you plan your postsecondary education, remember that you must have either a **3.00 weighted grade point average in the required courses**, **or** a combined score from the SAT Critical Reading and SAT Math of at least 1040, **or** an ACT composite score of at least 22 to get into the universities.

Let me also mention the Board's alternative admission policy. You may have heard that students who do not meet the standard criteria may qualify for admission based on other criteria such as potential evidence for success and improvement in one's high school record. While this is true, there is no guarantee that you will qualify under these

alternative criteria. Therefore, the best means to ensure your admission to UNR or UNLV is to prepare in advance and take the coursework necessary to adequately prepare you for university admission. The important thing to remember is that through adequate preparation in high school, college is possible!

### **MILLENNIUM SCHOLARSHIP CORE CURRICULUM**

Part of your plans for seeking higher education must include a comprehensive look at the costs associated with going to college. There are many resources to consider when seeking financial aid. One with which I am sure you and your parents are familiar is the Governor Guinn Millennium Scholarship. Be aware of the following list of high school courses that students must take in order to qualify for the scholarship if you are graduating in 2009 or later.

| <u>High School Courses</u>  | <u>Units</u> |
|-----------------------------|--------------|
| English                     | 4            |
| Math (including Algebra II) | 4            |
| Natural Science             | 3            |
| Social Science and History  | <u>3</u>     |
|                             | 14           |

Note that the courses required to qualify for the Millennium Scholarship exceed those necessary for university admission. Students seeking admission to UNR or UNLV must complete at least three years of math, while all students who qualify for the Millennium Scholarship must take an *additional* year of math -- four total. If you are a current sophomore and in the first group of students required to meet these course requirements, NSHE's colleges and universities will help you get the fourth year of math in your senior year if you cannot get the course in your high school.

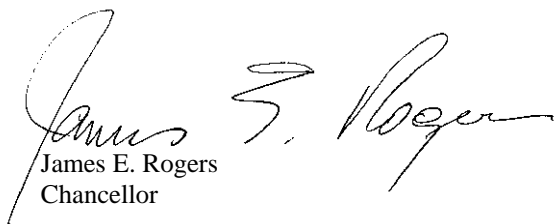
Additional information outlining the eligibility criteria for the Millennium Scholarship can be accessed on the Nevada State Treasurer's Web site at <http://nevadatreasurer.gov/millennium/>.

### **STATE COLLEGE AND COMMUNITY COLLEGE OPTIONS**

If you do not meet the university admission requirements, you may attend Nevada State College or one of our excellent community colleges (Community College of Southern Nevada, Great Basin College, Truckee Meadows Community College, and Western Nevada Community College). Many students find that these campuses are the best place for them to start. If you begin at a community college and are successful, you will qualify for transfer to the universities for completion of your bachelor's degree. Meeting the admission requirements for the universities as you graduate from high school just means that you have the opportunity to attend the universities as a freshman.

A college education is one of the greatest investments you can make in yourself. Take time today to prepare for tomorrow by taking the high school courses necessary to succeed in college, meeting regularly with your high school guidance counselor, talking to your parents about college, and planning ahead.

Sincerely,



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