



# NEVADA

## State Profile

Academic Pathways	Present in the State		Special Efforts to Reach Underserved Students		State Support	
<a href="#"><u>Advanced Placement (AP)</u></a>	Yes	46% of Nevada's schools offer AP tests. The state received a grant through NCLB to fund an outreach program.	Yes	Low-income students	Yes	Federal funding; Advanced Placement Incentive Grants
<b>Bridge Programs</b>	No		No		No	
<b>College Level Exam Program (CLEP)</b>	Yes	The CLEP test can be used for general education requirements at the state universities.	No		No	Requirements differ from college to college.
<b>Career Academies</b>	Yes	Has connections to colleges	Yes	Special populations	Yes	State funding
<a href="#"><u>Charter Schools</u></a>	Yes	Has connections to colleges	Yes	At-risk students	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• State funding</li> <li>• Nevada's Charter School Legislation enactment in 1997 and amendment in 2003</li> </ul>
<a href="#"><u>Distance Learning/ Virtual School</u></a>	Yes	School districts and charter schools have the ability to set up online course and programs. All proposals for online courses and programs must go through the US Department of Education.	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• At-risk students</li> <li>• Low-achieving students</li> <li>• Students with physical disability</li> </ul>	Yes	<a href="#"><u>State legislation</u></a>
<b>Dual Credit/ Dual Enrollment</b>	Yes	The state has many dual credit programs with community colleges as well as University of Nevada-Las Vegas and the University of Nevada-Reno.	Yes	Racial and ethnic minorities	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• State funding; students in program receive tuition waivers</li> <li>• Nev. Rev. Stat. § 389.160: credit toward graduation from high school for courses taken at a community college or university</li> </ul>
<b>Early or Middle College High Schools</b>	Yes	Example: <a href="#"><u>Truckee Meadows Community College High School (TMCCCHS)</u></a> to get a head start on college and earn college credit	No	High school juniors and seniors with a minimum GPA of 2.0 overall	Yes	State funding

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<u>GED in College Settings</u>	Yes	ABE and GED classes are offered in some community college rural campuses.	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Incarcerated youths</li> <li>Rural students</li> </ul>	Yes	State funding
<b>International Baccalaureate (IB)</b>	Yes	3 high schools participating	Yes	Racial and ethnic minority students	DK	No details known or available
<b>Tech Prep</b>	Yes	Part of the statewide 18-24 year old credential initiative and one of the strongest connections between high school and college	Yes	Special populations	Yes	Federal Perkins funding
<b>18-24 Credential Incentive</b>	Yes	Purpose is to educate the 18-24 year old workforce	No		No	

**Summary of academic pathways:**

Tech Prep is a longstanding pathway within the state and has one of the strongest structures to promote transition between high school and college. Nevada’s colleges and universities have set up dual credit pathways with the surrounding high schools, and the state has received a grant to expand the AP program to low-income students. The Department of Education allows school districts and charter schools to develop online learning programs.

**Interesting or unique models identified by state officials:**

- AP grant associated with NCLB
- Tech Prep
- 18-24 Year Old Credential Incentive

**Observations by state officials about special efforts to reach underserved students:**

Few of Nevada’s programs specifically reach out to underserved students. Tech Prep, dual credit, IB, and career academies reach out to special populations and racial and ethnic minority students. Recognizing the importance of preparation, Nevada is beginning to reach out to students earlier in their educational experience. By preparing middle and early college high school students for a rigorous curriculum, the state hopes to help them be more successful when they enroll in that curriculum. Distance education is used for students who are in danger of dropping out or unable to attend school because of academic challenges or physical disabilities.

**Observations by state officials about state support for pathways:**



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The state provides tuition waivers for students enrolling in dual credit classes at the college level. It has also received a grant to begin an early or middle college high school.

### Lessons learned by state officials:

- It is easier to set up Tech Prep than to measure the outcomes of the program.
- The state needs to develop different ways to measure the outcomes of a program.
- The state needs to reach out to students at an earlier age.

### Programs recommended by state officials:

No program was recommended by state officials.

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