

# **BOARD OF REGENTS BRIEFING PAPER**

**1. AGENDA ITEM TITLE:** *Handbook* Revision: Clarification in Residency for Tuition Purposes for Graduates of Online High Nevada High School

**MEETING DATE:** ARSA – March 1, 2018

**2. BACKGROUND & POLICY CONTEXT OF ISSUE:**

Existing Board policy provides that tuition shall not be charged to graduates of a Nevada high school and these students may be deemed residents for tuition purposes (Title 4, Chapter 15, Sections 3 and 4).

Currently, high school students in Nevada, other states and internationally may graduate from online high schools. System staff recommends clarifying Board policy to provide that the residency provisions under Title 4, Chapter 15 for graduates of a Nevada high school do not apply to enrollees or graduates of an online Nevada high school if the student is not physically present and residing in Nevada while enrolled or prior to graduation, as applicable. The proposed language is consistent with the definition of a resident under Title 4, Chapter 15, Section 2 (Definitions).

**3. SPECIFIC ACTIONS BEING RECOMMENDED OR REQUESTED:**

Amend Title 4, Chapter 15, Sections 3 and 4 to clarify that the residency provisions for graduates of a Nevada high school do not apply to enrollees or graduates of an online Nevada high school if the student is not physically present and residing in Nevada while enrolled or prior to graduation, as applicable. See the attached policy proposal.

**4. IMPETUS (WHY NOW?):**

This clarification to Board policy was requested by UNR and is supported by the Student Affairs Council.

**5. CHECK THE NSHE STRATEGIC PLAN GOAL THAT IS SUPPORTED BY THIS REQUEST:**

- Access (Increase participation in post-secondary education)
- Success (Increase student success)
- Close the Achievement Gap (Close the achievement gap among underserved student populations)
- Workforce (Collaboratively address the challenges of the workforce and industry education needs of Nevada)
- Research (Co-develop solutions to the critical issues facing 21<sup>st</sup> century Nevada and raise the overall research profile)
- Not Applicable to NSHE Strategic Plan Goals

**INDICATE HOW THE PROPOSAL SUPPORTS THE SPECIFIC STRATEGIC PLAN GOAL**

This proposal is a technical clarification to existing Board policy, as explained in the background section above.

**6. BULLET POINTS TO SUPPORT REQUEST/RECOMMENDATION:**

- The policy revision is needed to clarify Board policy governing residency for graduates of on-line Nevada high schools.

**7. POTENTIAL ARGUMENTS AGAINST THE REQUEST/RECOMMENDATION:**

None have been presented.

**8. ALTERNATIVE(S) TO WHAT IS BEING REQUESTED/RECOMMENDED:**

None have been presented.

**9. RECOMMENDATION FROM THE CHANCELLOR'S OFFICE:**

The Chancellor's Office recommends passage of this policy revision.

**10. COMPLIANCE WITH BOARD POLICY:**

- Consistent With Current Board Policy: Title #\_\_\_\_\_ Chapter #\_\_\_\_\_ Section #\_\_\_\_\_
- X Amends Current Board Policy: Title 4, Chapter 15, Sections 3 and 4
- Amends Current Procedures & Guidelines Manual:
- Other:\_\_\_\_\_
- Fiscal Impact: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No X \_\_\_\_\_  
Explain:\_\_\_\_\_

**POLICY PROPOSAL**  
**TITLE 4, CHAPTER 15, SECTION 3**  
Residency – Graduates of Online Nevada High Schools

Additions appear in *boldface italics*; deletions are [~~stricken~~ and bracketed]

**Section 3. Tuition**

Tuition shall be charged to nonresident students except as otherwise provided in this section.  
Tuition shall not be charged:

1. To current enrollees or graduates of a Nevada high school. *This subsection does not apply to enrollees or graduates of an online Nevada high school if the student is not physically present and residing in the State of Nevada while enrolled or prior to graduation.*
2. To returning students who had established an exemption from tuition charges at any NSHE institution in their prior enrollment period.

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**Section 4. Resident Students**

Except as otherwise provided in Section 3 of this chapter, as supported by clear and convincing evidence, any person who meets any one of the following categories shall be deemed a resident student for tuition purposes:

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4. A graduate of a Nevada high school. *This subsection does not apply to graduates of an online Nevada high school if the student is not physically present and residing in the State of Nevada prior to graduation.*

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