

High School Proficiency Examination

Definition

The High School Proficiency Examination (HSPE) tests student achievement and proficiency relative to the 1998 Nevada Content and Performance Standards in English, Language Arts, and Mathematics.¹

Nevada High School Proficiency Examination (HSPE) Failures: 2003-2004

<i>School District</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Carson City	NM	NM
Churchill	NM	NM
Clark	760	6.7
Douglas	NM	NM
Elko	19	3.4
Esmeralda	NI	NI
Eureka	NM	NM
Humboldt	NM	NM
Lander	12	14.5
Lincoln	NM	NM
Lyon	16	3.5
Mineral	NM	NM
Nye	NM	NM
Pershing	NM	NM
Storey	NM	NM
Washoe	107	3.6
White Pine	NM	NM
Charter Schools	22	15.5
NEVADA	951	5.5

Note: NI = No Instruction and NM = Not Meaningful—percentages are not calculated for groups with less than 10 observations.

Source: Nevada Department of Education, 2005, 2004-2005 State Accountability Comprehensive Report, available online at: <<http://www.nevadareportcard.com>> as of 9/2/05.

Nevada

Almost 6 percent of Nevada students failed the HSPE in academic year 2003-2004.

Students may take the HSPE an unlimited number of times. “However, prior to their third and subsequent testing attempts students must receive remediation and/or be enrolled in an approved course of study with the intent of completing requirements for a high school diploma or its equivalent.”²

Counties

Of the five school districts that had reliable data, Lander County had the highest percentage of students who failed the HSPE. Among all the schools, charter schools had the highest percentage of HSPE-failing students.