

Nev. sets bar lower for 11th-graders taking ACT

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Nevada high school students taking the required ACT exam will be considered proficient starting this fall if they reach a threshold that's lower than the national standard set by the test creators.

The State Board of Education signed off on the "cut scores" that will be used to determine whether students have demonstrated sufficient mastery of math and English on the test at a meeting Thursday in Las Vegas. The board decided to divide student test scores into four different categories, with the highest two – Levels 3 and 4 – being considered proficient or passing grades.

ACT doesn't set cut scores the same way, instead using what its creators call benchmarks.

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