

OUTDOOR EDUCATION CREDIT

The Lyon County School District (LCSD) recognizes the importance for students to be active outdoors, and that a student's education should not be limited to the classroom experience alone.

According to NRS, Outdoor Recreational Activity Credit must be completed outside of school hours, requires a pupil to spend a significant amount of time outdoors, and teaches the pupil skills that are relevant to outdoor education. Examples may include, but are not limited to, identifying plants and animals native to the state of Nevada, building trails, restoring natural habitats, and outdoor survival skills. Also included are outdoor recreational skills, including, without limitations, hiking and archery and bird watching. Outdoor recreational activity does not include organized team sports. The Site administrator has final authority to determine which activities qualify for this credit.

The LCSD, in compliance with Nevada revised Statute (NRS 389), offers students in grades 7 through 12 the ability to earn no more than two elective credits for approved Outdoor Recreational Activities towards promotion or graduation. Students may earn one half (.50) credit for every sixty (60) hours completed and by providing evidence of learning as outlined in the contracts and learning plans located in the appendix. District-approved credits will not count toward the courses required for graduation but may be applied to a student's elective credit requirements.

If a student chooses to obtain credit through Outdoor Activities, they must complete the LCSD Outdoor Education Program Contract, which requires parent/guardian and school administrator approval. Upon completion of the contract, students must submit evidence of the completed work to their designated school representative for final approval and the awarding of credit. Credit will be awarded at the school for which the student is enrolled and attending.

Reference: NRS 389 and AB 501 (2025 Session)

Adopted 11/18/25

APPENDIX A



Lyon County School District



Outdoor Education Program Contract

This is an independent study, outdoor education program for Lyon County School District students. Students may earn one half (.50) elective credit by providing evidence of learning and 60 hours of time in outdoor education program(s). No partial credit will be awarded. Learning must be completed outside of school hours and may not count towards the student's academic load. Each student is responsible for completing all the requirements of the learning plan and obtaining a teacher or mentor to sign off on the hours and work completed. The mentor may include a coach, club leader, or other designee. Students may earn a maximum of 2 credits. P/F grades are awarded for Outdoor Education and do not affect the student's Grade Point Average (GPA).

Credit Earned	Required Hours
Half Credit (0.5)	60 Hours
Full Credit (1.0)	120 Hours

Student Information

Student Name: _____ Student ID #: _____

Grade Level: _____ School of Attendance: _____

Anticipated Start Date: _____

Anticipated End Date: _____

Outdoor Education Student Learning Plan

This learning plan outlines the objectives, activities, and outcomes that the student will complete to earn high school credit for outdoor education.

Learning Goals

The student will demonstrate growth and proficiency in the following areas (check all that apply and add details as needed):

- - Physical Fitness (e.g., endurance, strength, outdoor recreation)

- - Environmental Science (e.g., ecosystems, sustainability, conservation)

- - Outdoor Safety & Survival Skills (e.g., navigation, shelter, fire-building)

- - Employability Skills (e.g., teamwork, leadership, resilience)

- - Career Exploration (e.g., parks and recreation, wildlife management)

- - Other: _____

Student Agreement

I understand that I am responsible for completing all approved activities safely and honestly. I agree to:

- Follow the learning plan and safety protocols.
- Maintain regular communication regarding progress with my supervising teacher/mentor.
- Submit required documentation upon completion of hours.
- Represent my school and district with respect and integrity.

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Approval

I give permission for my child to participate in the Outdoor Education Program. I understand:

- My child will be participating in off-campus outdoor activities outside of regularly scheduled school hours.
- I am responsible for ensuring transportation, safety equipment, and supervision (as needed).
- I will support my child's learning goals and help ensure timely documentation.
- I assume responsibility of all associated fees incurred as part of the outdoor activities.
- By signing this Release and Waiver of Liability, and for consideration of my child/children's participation in Outdoor Education activities, I fully and completely waive, release, discharge, and promise not to sue the Lyon County School District, their directors, officers, administrators, employees, volunteers, agents, supervisors, participants, assigns, sponsors, their representatives (collectively, the "Releasees"), for any and all liability, claims, demands, actions, and any other causes of action whatsoever (whether direct or derivative), arising out of or related to any loss, damage, or injury that I may have, whether caused by the negligence of the Releasees or otherwise, while my child/children are participating in such activity, (including those outlined) or while in, on, or upon the premises where the activity is being conducted, including but not limited to: recovering for my injuries, loss of consortium, child's companionship, comfort, and society, loss of income, non-economic damages, (including, but not limited to medical bills and expenses related to the treatment of injuries), my pain and suffering caused by mental anguish, emotional distress, and physical injuries suffered by my child/children. This waiver does not inhibit my rights relating to pursuit of claims for willful or intentional actions which are the proximate cause of such injury or damage.

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Teacher/Mentor Approval

Supervising Teacher/Mentor Name: _____ Title: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

I have reviewed the learning plan and approve this contract.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

After work is completed, students will review their evidence of learning with their mentor/ teacher. Once the mentor/teacher signs off, all documentation should be submitted to the designated administrator of the student's school.

- Log entries summarizing their participation in the activity (1 entry for every 5 hours of time)
- Time/activity logs (verified by mentor/teacher) in no less than 30 minute increments
- Photos/videos with captions
- Final project or presentation (e.g., slideshow, report, demo)

Parent/Guardian Responsibilities

The **Parent/Guardian** agrees to:

1. **Provide Oversight:** Encourage and support the student in finding a suitable, safe, and pre-approved service site.
2. **Facilitate Logistics:** Assist the student with transportation and scheduling necessary to complete the required hours.
3. **Acknowledge Risks:** Understand that the service activities take place off school grounds and assume responsibility for the student's safety, liability, and supervision during the time spent at the service site.
4. **Monitor Progress:** Review the student's progress and log sheets periodically to ensure they are fulfilling the requirements of this agreement.

Administrator Responsibilities

The **School Administrator** (or designated representative) agrees to:

1. **Approve Service Sites:** Review and approve the selected Outdoor Recreational programs to ensure it meets the criteria.
2. **Notify the School Board:** Annually a report will be given to the School Board outlining all approved Outdoor Activity credit opportunities that were given over the past academic school year. This can be placed on the consent agenda at the June board meeting.
3. **Provide Needed Paperwork:** Furnish the student with the official Outdoor Activities Log Sheet and any other necessary forms or guidelines.
4. **Verify Completion:** Review and audit the submitted log sheets and documentation to confirm that the required hours have been legitimately completed and verified.
5. **Award Credit:** Upon successful verification of the required hours, ensure the appropriate half or full elective credit is applied to the student's transcript.