

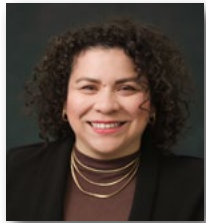
# CURRICULUM OVERVIEW 2024-2025



## Grades 9-12



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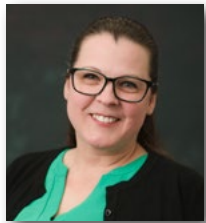
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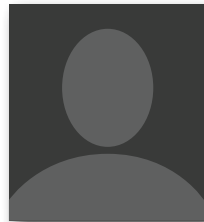
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## PATHWAYS TO GRADUATION IN CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

- Each student will create an academic plan with the school counselor that is based on career goals and one of the diplomas in Clark County School District (District).
- Each student enrolls in and passes the courses.
- The parent/guardian approves each student's academic plan in Infinite Campus each year.
- Each student takes the ACT Test with Writing (if applicable, the Nevada Alternate Assessment will satisfy the ACT testing requirement).

## DIPLOMAS IN CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

- Standard
- Alternative
- Advanced
- Advanced Honors\*  
\*This diploma will continue to be an option for students through the Cohort of 2025.
- College and Career Ready

### For the College and Career Ready diploma, students must:

1. Complete the credit requirements, including Algebra II or higher, with a 3.25 weighted GPA, and
2. Demonstrate proficiency in two languages (Seal of Biliteracy), or 2 credits in Advanced Placement (AP), or 2 credits in International Baccalaureate (IB), or 2 credits in Dual Enrollment, or 2 credits in Career and Technical Education (CTE), or 2 credits in Work-Based Learning, or 2 credits in the same world language course, and
3. Earn at least one of the following endorsements:
  - College Ready Endorsement: Student completes a College and Career Readiness (CCR) assessment (such as the ACT and SAT) and receives scores for placement into non-remedial college-level English language arts (ELA) and mathematics courses.
  - Career Ready Endorsement: Student earns a Silver or above on the ACT National Career Readiness Certificate (NCRC), an Armed Forces Qualification Test (AFQT) 50 or above on the ASVAB/PiCAT, or a CTE Skills Attainment certificate, or a Nevada Industry-Recognized Credential.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS			
AREAS OF STUDY	Standard	Advanced	College and Career Ready
	Alternative	Advanced Honors	
ENGLISH	4	4	4
MATHEMATICS	3	4	4
SCIENCE	2	3	3
WORLD HISTORY/ GEOGRAPHY/HUMANITIES	-	1	1
US HISTORY	1	1	1
AMERICAN GOVERNMENT	.5	.5	.5
ECONOMICS AND FINANCIAL LITERACY	.5	.5	.5
PHYSICAL EDUCATION	2	2	2
HEALTH EDUCATION	.5	.5	.5
USE OF COMPUTERS	.5	.5	.5
ARTS/HUMANITIES/CTE	1	1	1
ELECTIVES	6	6	6
FLEX CREDIT	2	-	-
TOTAL	23	24	24
<b>GPA REQUIREMENT</b>	-	<b>3.25 weighted</b>	<b>3.25 weighted</b>



## CORE ENROLLMENT EXPECTATIONS

The District strives to prepare graduates for success in post-secondary education and in the workforce by providing a rigorous curriculum. All high school students will be enrolled in the Core Enrollment Expectations as provided by Nevada Revised Statute (NRS) 389.018. Core Enrollment Expectations are in addition to graduation requirements.

Students must be prepared for the following post-secondary opportunities:

- University/Four-Year College
- Trade/Technical School
- Community/Two-Year College
- Workforce

CORE ENROLLMENT EXPECTATIONS	
AREAS OF STUDY	UNITS
ENGLISH	4
MATHEMATICS (Including Algebra II or higher)	4
NATURAL SCIENCE	3
SOCIAL STUDIES AND HISTORY	3
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>14</b>

## ADVANCED PLACEMENT

Promoting greater participation and achievement in AP courses remains a high priority. AP courses play a crucial role in equipping students with the skills and practices necessary for success in college and beyond. These courses emphasize the development of advanced writing proficiency, critical problem-solving capabilities, efficient time management, self-discipline, and effective study habits. It's imperative that students and parents/guardians recognize how AP courses align with their long-term post-secondary goals, as they provide a solid foundation for future academic pursuits and career aspirations. By engaging with the rigor of AP coursework, students not only enhance their academic abilities but also cultivate the resilience and adaptability needed for lifelong learning and achievement.

## DUAL ENROLLMENT

The District collaborates closely with Nevada System of Higher Education institutions, offering students the chance to earn both high school and college credits concurrently through Dual Enrollment programs. This partnership not only facilitates a seamless transition from high school to college but also provides an expedited pathway to higher education, aiding students in both time and cost savings. The availability of Dual Enrollment opportunities hinges on the specific partnership between higher education institutions and each high school, with college course placements being determined by the respective institutions' criteria.



## ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS

As part of the 21st Century Course of Study Expectations, students are expected to complete four units of English. Curricula and instruction are aligned to NVACS for English Language Arts (ELA). Below is the ELA course sequence for ninth through twelfth grade.

### ENGLISH 9\*

The Grade 9 course (Foundations in Composition and the Elements of Text) is designed to assist students in mastering the language, structure, and rhetoric of text, completing complex writing assignments, reading and analyzing a range of literary and informational material, delivering extensive oral presentations, and participating in a variety of conversations and collaborations with peers.

### ENGLISH 10\*

The Grade 10 course (Composition and Themes in Global Text) focuses on types of composition. Through the study of themes found universally in global text, instruction emphasizes not only critical analysis of text, but also writing historical, philosophical, cultural, and ethical perspectives.

### ENGLISH 11\*

The Grade 11 course (Composition and Themes in American Text) requires expository, analytical, and argumentative writing assignments. The course is also structured around multicultural themes and perspectives to encourage students to think conceptually about America's past, present, and future, as well as the ethnic and cultural diversity of the American experience.

### ENGLISH 12\*

The Grade 12 course (Post-Secondary Composition and Universal Themes in Text) focuses on refining the literacy skills required for post-secondary success. The writing focus in this course includes analysis, synthesis, and argumentation related to workplace and real-world situations.

\*Regular, Honors, AP, and Dual Enrollment courses are available. Students in Grades 11 and 12 have the opportunity to participate in Language and Composition AP courses, Literature and Composition AP courses, and/or Dual Enrollment courses.

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To learn more about NVACS for ELA, refer to *NVACS for English Language Arts & Literacy in History/Social Studies, Science, and Technical Subjects*.



## SUPPORTING YOUR STUDENT'S LEARNING AT HOME

### At home, you can:

- Encourage your student to read all assigned material and engage your student in conversation about these materials.
- Create a quiet, comfortable space in which your student can read. Consider reading one or more of the assigned books along with your student.
- Have your student present opinions to you. Ask questions and be a good listener.
- Ask your student about current writing assignments and encourage your student to talk about ideas before beginning to write.
- Encourage your student to write often and, whenever possible, share your own writing as an example.
- Encourage your student to write notes that are grammatically correct.

### FOR STUDENT WRITING SAMPLES, REFER TO

<https://www.thecorestandards.org/Files/K12ELAAppendixC.pdf>.

## MATHEMATICS

As part of the 21st Century Course of Study Expectations, students are expected to complete four units of mathematics. Mathematics instruction is based on NVACS for Mathematics. Below is the mathematics course sequence for Grades 9–12.

### ALGEBRA I

The course provides students with the necessary knowledge and skills for further studies in mathematics. It is intended to increase mathematical fluency in problem-solving, reasoning, modeling, and effective communication in the study of numbers, algebra, functions, and statistics. This course is based on NVACS for Mathematics.

### GEOMETRY\*

The course provides students with a rigorous study of transformational geometry. It incorporates problem-solving, reasoning, modeling, and effective communication in the study of transformational geometry, right triangle trigonometry, measurement, and probability. This course is based on NVACS for Mathematics.

### ALGEBRA II\*

The course provides students the opportunity to develop competence in using variables and functions to model numerical patterns and quantitative relations. Emphasis is on the study of polynomial, rational, radical, exponential, logarithmic, and trigonometric functions. Also, sequences and series, modeling, and statistics are incorporated into this course. Connections to other areas of mathematics and applications to other disciplines are also integrated into this course.

### FOURTH YEAR MATHEMATICS

The fourth year of mathematics could include courses, such as College Readiness Mathematics, College Preparatory Mathematics, AP Precalculus, AP Statistics, AP Calculus AB, AP Calculus BC, or Reasoning and Sense-Making in Mathematics.

\*Regular and Honors courses are available.

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To learn more about NVACS for Mathematics, refer to <https://doe.nv.gov/NevadaAcademicStandards/Math/Standards/>.



### SUPPORTING YOUR STUDENT'S LEARNING AT HOME

#### At home, you can:

- Write ten effective strategies for taking a mathematics test. Discuss the answers. Work problems backward, review notes beforehand, study vocabulary, and check on and discuss the course homework, etc.
- Identify ways in which algebra and geometry are used in everyday life. Algebra is very useful in describing fees involving memberships or contracts that include a flat fee plus additional costs for extra services. Applications of geometry can be found in such areas as the construction trades, packing and shipping situations, and logical arguments found in the field of law.
- Find a newspaper article that provides the results of a statistical study and discuss the results.
- Look up car pricing in the newspaper or online. Work with your student to determine the actual cost of the car, including the monthly payment, insurance, gasoline, and maintenance.
- Begin working on a project for the Nevada Kindergarten–Grade 12 Statistics Poster Competition.

## SCIENCE

NVACS for Science identifies eight practices of science and engineering and seven crosscutting concepts that are essential for every student to use. Their purpose is to help students deepen their understanding of science content and develop a coherent, scientifically based view of the world.

### Science and Engineering Practices

- Asking questions (for science) and defining problems (for engineering)
- Developing and using models
- Planning and carrying out investigations
- Analyzing and interpreting data
- Using mathematics and computational thinking
- Constructing explanations (for science) and designing solutions (for engineering)
- Engaging in argument from evidence
- Obtaining, evaluating, and communicating information

### Crosscutting Concepts

- Pattern
- Cause and Effect: Mechanism and Explanation
- Scale, Proportion, and Quantity
- Systems and System Models
- Energy and Matter: Flows, Cycles, and Conservation
- Structure and Function
- Stability and Change

As part of the 21st Century Course of Study Expectations, students are expected to complete three units of science, one of which must be Biology or Biology Honors. Science instruction is based on NVACS for Science. Below are the science courses offered in high school.

## BIOLOGY\*

There are five life science topics in biology: Structure and Function, Inheritance and Variation of Traits, Matter and Energy in Organisms and Ecosystems, Interdependent Relationships in Ecosystems, and Natural Selection and Evolution. This course is designed as a survey of the biological sciences.

## GEOSCIENCE\*

There are five topics in geoscience: Space Systems, Dynamic Earth Through Time, Earth's Dynamic Surface, Changing Climate, and Human Sustainability. This course is designed as a survey of geological sciences.

## CHEMISTRY\*

There are five broad topics in chemistry: Atoms, Bonding, Chemical Reactions and Calculations, Differences in Energy, and Equilibrium.

## PHYSICS\*

There are five broad topics in physics: Energy as a System, Energy and Forces, Energy and Field Forces, Energy in Motion, and Energy Applications.

\*Regular and Honors courses are available. AP opportunities are available for many science courses.

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To learn more about NVACS for Science, refer to <https://doe.nv.gov/offices/office-of-teaching-and-learning/science>.

## SUPPORTING YOUR STUDENT'S LEARNING AT HOME

### At home, you can:

- Discuss news headlines or magazine articles related to science.
- Visit local science sites, including Red Rock Canyon, the Wetlands Park, Lake Mead National Recreation Area, Mount Charleston, the Springs Preserve, or the National Atomic Testing Museum.
- Challenge stereotypes about scientists and understand that anyone can have a career in science.
- Check out NASA's Astronomy Picture of the Day at: <https://apod.nasa.gov/apod/astropix.html>.
- Ask questions to link material learned in science class to real-world scenarios: Why is Las Vegas a desert? How has human activity affected the environment? How are traits inherited? How do environments change? What impact do humans have on the environment? Why does your voice sound differently when you are under water in the pool? How will converting light bulbs in your home affect your electric bill?

## SOCIAL STUDIES

NVACS for Social Studies identifies six disciplinary skills and six key disciplines of social studies that are essential for every student to understand the world around them. Their purpose is to create lifelong learners with the skills and knowledge to shape our nation and respond to the challenges of the future.

### Disciplinary Skills

- Constructing compelling questions
- Creating supporting questions
- Gathering and evaluating sources
- Developing claims and using evidence
- Communicating and critiquing conclusions
- Taking informed action

### Key Disciplines of Social Studies

- History
- Multicultural
- Civics
- Geography
- Economics
- Financial Literacy

As part of the 21st Century Course of Study Expectations, students are expected to complete three units of social studies. Social studies instruction is based on NVACS for Social Studies. The social studies course sequence for Grades 9–12 can be found on the next page.



## WORLD HISTORY\*

The Grade 10 course examines world history from approximately the 1300s to modern day. Students study geography, history, and culture in global regions, with an emphasis on historical inquiry. Students analyze significant events, individuals, and developments across the world within this time frame. The emphasis is global in nature with a multicultural approach, rather than a Eurocentric approach.

## GEOGRAPHY\*

The Grade 10 course examines societal development from the Renaissance to the present with an emphasis on exploring Earth's human and physical systems in both global and regional contexts. Students develop an understanding of current world issues and relate them to geographical, historical, political, economic, and cultural contexts. Depending on school resources, this course may replace World History in Grade 10.

## UNITED STATES HISTORY\*

The Grade 11 course is a study of American history with an emphasis on the modern world from 1900 to the present day. Students explore and evaluate the significant historical events and their consequences. This course provides an examination of historical themes to analyze how new events continue to shape our nation and society today.

## AMERICAN GOVERNMENT\*

The one-semester Grade 12 course is a study of the United States Federal, State, local, and tribal governments. Students apply constitutional principles to assess the growth and development of the United States government and political system.

Senate Bill (SB) 322 requires students enrolled in the American Government course to take the civics exam. The civics exam contains a portion of the questions found on the United States Naturalization Test. This exam is needed for the successful completion of the American Government course, as well as graduation requirements.

## ECONOMICS AND FINANCIAL LITERACY\*

The one-semester Grade 12 course is a study of economics and financial literacy. Students will evaluate financial decision-making, investigate how market systems work, and examine globalization.

\*Regular and Honors courses are available. AP opportunities are available for many social studies courses.

For more information on NVACS for Social Studies, refer to <https://doe.nv.gov/offices/office-of-teaching-and-learning/social-studies>.





## SUPPORTING YOUR STUDENT'S LEARNING AT HOME

### At home, you can:

- Read primary source documents, such as the following:
  - George Washington's Farewell Address – refer to [avalon.law.yale.edu/18th\\_century/washing.asp](https://avalon.law.yale.edu/18th_century/washing.asp), or
  - Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Letter from Birmingham Jail – refer to [https://www.africa.upenn.edu/Articles\\_Gen/Letter\\_Birmingham.html](https://www.africa.upenn.edu/Articles_Gen/Letter_Birmingham.html).
- Discuss family history related to important historical events, such as World War II and the Civil Rights Movement.
- Discuss the importance of participating in society through voting, civic discourse, and joining organizations.
- Write or call legislators to demonstrate ways to become involved in society.
- Participate in a family/group service project, such as volunteering for a political campaign or working for a non-profit organization.
- Discuss current news events and connect them to a historical perspective.
- When learning about financial literacy, discuss effective methods of saving and spending.
- Use maps when traveling. Allow your student to guide the trip by using a map.
- Analyze your culture and connect it to world and United States history.



## LEARNING BEYOND THE CORE

Most high schools have a library or a resource center to support learning in the classroom. The library promotes lifelong learning through:

### INFORMATION LITERACY

Students access information to solve an information problem or question using a variety of digital and print resources. They judge the accuracy, relevance, and completeness of sources and information in relation to a range of topics. They develop a plan to use a variety of sources and can explain the kinds of information found in each, distinguishing between fact, point of view, and opinion.

### INDEPENDENT LEARNING

Students explore a range of sources to find information of personal interest or wellbeing and apply the information to real-life purposes. They read various genres of literature, including mythology, short stories, drama, poetry, fiction, and nonfiction. They evaluate the information-seeking process at each stage as it occurs and make adjustments, as necessary, to improve the process and the product. They revise, improve, and update their own work.

### SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

Students organize information into formats for presentation, whether working individually or in groups. They help to organize and integrate the contributions of all the members of a group into an informational product. Students use ethical behavior in regard to information and information technologies, plagiarism, citation of sources, and intellectual freedom.

**Other areas of learning beyond the core areas of reading and writing, mathematics, science, and social studies include:**

### HEALTH

Students examine the intricate relationships between the structural and physiological functions required for mental, physical, social, and emotional wellness. They learn lifelong skills, including communication, decision-making, and goal setting to enhance overall health and wellbeing. Students examine the following health education topics: decision-making, wellness, nutrition and physical activity, body systems, substance use and abuse, communicable and non-communicable diseases, violence prevention, safety, and consumer health. Students receive instruction on human immunodeficiency virus, human reproductive system, related communicable diseases, and sexual responsibility. The course fulfills the one-half credit of health required for high school graduation.

**Note: A signed parent/guardian permission slip for the sex education unit of instruction is required.**

## PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Students will focus on developing a health and skill-enhancing level of physical fitness. They will execute motor skills, movement patterns, and safety while participating in a variety of physical activities. Health and skill-enhancing fitness concepts will be explored through personal goal-setting and self-evaluation.

Students will be moderately to vigorously physically active for fifty percent of the instructional time. Two physical education credits are required for high school graduation.

## WORLD LANGUAGE

The goals of the secondary world language program are to develop students' communicative skills in the target language and to lead students to intermediate and/or advanced-level proficiency. The focus is communication in the target language, incorporating an understanding of the target cultures, connecting with other disciplines, comparing native language to the target language, and participating in multicultural communities. It is recommended that at least ninety percent of the instructional time in class be conducted in the target language.

Based on student requests and teacher availability, courses may be offered in the following languages:

- American Sign Language
- Arabic
- Chinese (Mandarin)
- Filipino (Tagalog)
- French
- German
- Italian
- Japanese
- Korean
- Latin
- Russian
- Spanish
- Spanish Literacy

**Note: Many out of state colleges and universities require a minimum of two–three years of study in the same language to fulfill entrance requirements.**

## DUAL LANGUAGE IMMERSION

In the Dual Language Immersion program, students receive balanced instruction in both English and Spanish. This program enhances students' academic performance, fosters biliteracy and bilingualism, and develops cultural competence.

Students in Grades 9–12 receive Spanish instruction in one or more courses. The primary aim of these courses is to sustain and further refine students' Spanish language skills acquired during elementary and middle school Dual Language Immersion instruction. This strategic approach ensures students are biliterate and bilingual in English and Spanish and can proficiently perform to receive the Seal of Biliteracy upon graduation.

## FINE ARTS EDUCATION

For students who elect to participate in fine arts courses, high school sites provide a variety of opportunities to develop individual and group skills to create, perform, respond, and connect in the disciplines of music, dance, theatre, and the visual arts. Standards-based, sequential instruction in the arts is offered to all students, at most school sites, as part of a balanced education in order to meet student interests, develop skills, and provide career opportunities.

Programs of study may include:

- **Dance:** Beginning, Intermediate, and Advanced
- **Music:** Band, Orchestra, Choir, Guitar, Mariachi, Music Theory, Music Appreciation, and Jazz Band
- **Theatre:** Beginning, Intermediate, Advanced, and Technical
- **Visual Arts:** Art I, Drawing, Painting, Ceramics, Photography, AP Studio Art, AP Art History, Design Crafts, Fibers, and Printmaking

## COMPUTER SCIENCE AND APPLICATIONS

- Create prototypes that use algorithms to solve computational problems by leveraging prior student knowledge and personal interests.
- Develop guidelines that convey systematic troubleshooting strategies that others can use to identify and fix errors.
- Create interactive data visualizations or alternative representations using software tools to help others better understand real-world phenomena.
- Use tools and methods for collaboration on a project to increase connectivity of people in different cultures and career fields.
- Give examples to illustrate how sensitive data can be affected by malware and other attacks.

## HIGH SCHOOL CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

CTE is essential for preparing students for both college and career opportunities. By participating in CTE programs, students acquire critical knowledge and skills in over 60 diverse career pathways, ensuring they are well-equipped for future success. Each program adheres to rigorous content standards and follows a structured progression of study, culminating in an end-of-program (EOP) assessment. Students who complete their program-of-study with a minimum GPA of 3.0 and pass their EOP and Workplace Readiness Skills assessments earn the Skill of Attainment Certificate. This certificate is not only a testament to their expertise but also provides statewide CTE College Credit, giving them a significant advantage in both higher education and the job market. For those interested in maximizing their CCR, engaging with a school counselor and exploring the wide array of CTE offerings available at their high school is a crucial step. Embracing CTE paves the way to a promising and rewarding future.

*Standards-based, sequential instruction in the arts is offered to all students, at most school sites, as part of a balanced education in order to meet student interests, develop skills, and provide career opportunities.*



## TOGETHER - PREPARING OUR STUDENTS

### LEARNING EXPECTATIONS

This document presents learning expectations for students based on NVACS for ELA, mathematics, science, and social studies. Also included are learning expectations in the areas of health, library, music, physical education, world language, and fine arts education. The learning expectations presented in this document can help you know how your student is doing in high school. Tips and activities are provided to help your student learn at home. Contact your student's teacher to learn more and discuss how you can help your student meet these learning expectations.

### COLLEGE AND CAREER READINESS ASSESSMENT

All Grade 11 students must participate in Nevada's CCR Assessment, ACT with Writing, during the spring state testing window provided, per state and federal requirements. In addition, participation in the CCR is a graduation requirement.

For additional information on Nevada state assessments, please visit <https://doe.nv.gov/Assessments/>.

### CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

CTE is an educational pathway that focuses on providing students with the skills and knowledge needed for specific careers. CTE programs are designed to prepare students for a career by combining academic instruction with practical, hands-on learning experiences. The goal is to equip students with the skills and competencies required for success in various professions and industries.



## MAGNET SCHOOLS

The District magnet programs are designed to develop students' talents, interests, and abilities by offering specialized learning opportunities related to various themes. Students from across the District may apply to a magnet program regardless of the region in which they reside, however, transportation will only be provided to students living within the designated transportation boundary for the magnet program. The purpose of magnet programs is to improve student achievement, promote diversity, and create an awareness of career opportunities relative to the fields of study in which students may be interested, while also fostering their unique skills and passions. Families can explore these opportunities through a variety of events beginning in the fall of each year, such as magnet fairs, parent/guardian workshops, school tours, and shadowing opportunities. The application for magnet schools opens in the early fall and closes the second Tuesday of each January. For additional information, please visit [magnet.ccsd.net](http://magnet.ccsd.net).

### NEVADA LEARNING ACADEMY AT CCSD

Nevada Learning Academy at CCSD (NVLA) offers both a comprehensive, full-time, online high school program open to any Nevada student and a full-time blended middle school program open to residents of Clark County, Nevada. Both programs are tuition-free for full-time students. NVLA is open to all District students. In addition to the full-time programs, all students in Nevada can take NVLA online courses part-time for a fee while enrolled at their current schools. Information on NVLA full-time programs can be found at [NVLearningAcademy.net](http://NVLearningAcademy.net). NVLA offers all core courses for Grades 6–12 as well as a range of advanced courses and electives. Students should work with their school counselors to enroll or visit the NVLA website for additional information.

### WORK-BASED LEARNING

Select schools and programs offer an immersive educational experience that bridges classroom knowledge with real-world application. Through strategic partnerships with local businesses and organizations, students gain invaluable insights, practical skills, and professional connections in their chosen fields. Tailored to individual career interests, this program integrates hands-on training, mentorship opportunities, and project-based learning, empowering students to explore their passions and develop a competitive edge in today's dynamic job market. Students have the opportunity to earn elective credits towards graduation, with up to 1.0 credit available for Cooperative Work Experience and Exploratory Work Experience, as well as unlimited credits for participating in internships. For additional information, please contact your school counselor.

## COLLEGE AND CAREER READY

Listed below is some information to keep in mind as your student moves through high school.

1. Support your student in exploring various subjects and extracurricular activities to discover their interests and passions.
2. Encourage resilience and perseverance in the face of academic or personal difficulties.
3. Be informed of the graduation requirements, including courses and credits. Encourage your student to work and hold them accountable for attending classes, actively participating in learning, and making good grades.
4. Schedule a meeting with the school counselor for you and your student to discuss an educational plan to make sure your student is on the right track to graduate and prepared for post-secondary opportunities. Ensure the school counselor knows the best way to communicate with you (phone, email, text, etc.).
5. Help your student organize information about college admissions, scholarship applications, and other post-secondary opportunities.
6. Research and explore different colleges, universities, and technical training programs with your student.
7. Attend college fairs, campus tours, and information sessions to learn about potential educational paths.
8. Additionally, career information, including occupations and employment, education and training, and self-assessments are resources available to students as they consider events after high school.

For more information, refer to <https://ccsd.nv.headed2.com>.

## COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL COUNSELING PROGRAM OVERVIEW

As part of the instructional team, school counselors play an integral role in the academic, career, and social/emotional development of all students. Through classroom lessons, small groups, and individual interventions, school counselors implement strategies and activities to support and maximize each student's ability to learn, and help to prepare students to make informed choices regarding post-secondary options to complete future career goals. School counselors assist in providing resources to minimize barriers for students. Additionally, the school counseling program provides the foundation for personal social-emotional growth as students progress through school and into adulthood.

Resource documents for parents/guardians and students are available at: <http://ccsd.net/departments/guidance-counseling/>.

## DOCUMENT LIBRARY

The *Moving On to High School Transitional Planning Guide* provides information to parents/guardians regarding opportunities for students entering high school. The *Moving On to College and Career Transitional Planning Guide* for high school students provides information to parents/guardians and students preparing for graduation, in regard to planning for post-secondary options and identifying and securing finances to pursue post-secondary education and training.

For additional information, refer to <https://ccsd.net/departments/guidance-counseling/moving-on-transitional-planning-guides>.

## MEASURES OF ACADEMIC PROGRESS GROWTH

The Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) Growth assessment is designed to measure a student's achievement and growth over time in reading and mathematics. When used in combination with other formative assessments, as part of a balanced assessment system, MAP Growth provides valuable data to inform instructional decisions and identify next steps for learners. MAP Growth testing is required for all students in Grades 9–10. The assessments are administered three times per year in the fall, winter, and spring.

## MULTI-TIERED SYSTEM OF SUPPORTS

Multi-Tiered System of Supports (MTSS) is an educational framework designed to provide a structured approach to addressing the diverse academic and behavioral needs of students in Pre-Kindergarten–Grade 12. Comparable to constructing a robust educational foundation, MTSS operates on three tiers:

**Tier I (Universal Level):** At this foundational level, all students receive high-quality, standards-based instruction, employing evidence-based teaching practices and engaging activities.

**Tier II (Targeted Level):** Recognizing that some students may require additional support, Tier II interventions involve targeted strategies such as small group instruction or specialized activities to address student-specific learning needs.

**Tier III (Intensive Level):** This tier assists students who need additional time and instruction to demonstrate adequate progress or growth, necessitating intensified interventions. This level may involve smaller groups or individualized attention tailored to the student's needs.

Within the MTSS Framework, the District uses Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) to improve all students' social, emotional, behavioral, and academic outcomes. Social and emotional learning also empowers students to manage emotions, set and achieve goals, demonstrate empathy, form positive relationships, and make responsible decisions.

MTSS is a systematic approach to ensure that every student receives the necessary resources and support to thrive academically, fostering an inclusive environment that accommodates various learning profiles and promotes overall student success.

## COMPUTER ACCESS

All District students will be provided a computing device, a Chromebook. The District will provide home Internet connectivity solutions (or subsidies) to families who qualify. Parents/Guardians should inform their student's school if they are in need of these services.

## FAMILY ENGAGEMENT DEPARTMENT

The Family Engagement Department provides all District families with valuable resources and learning opportunities. The mission of the Family Engagement Department is to empower and educate families to support their student's overall wellbeing and academic achievement.

### University of Family Learning (UFL)

The Family Engagement Department implements the UFL, which provides families of students of all ages with educational resources and support. There are over 100 UFL classes in four focus areas: parents/guardians as teaching partners, navigating the school system, involvement, leadership, and advocacy, and promoting wellness and development. Classes are offered at the 11 Family Engagement Centers, all District school sites, throughout the community, and in digital/virtual formats. For times and locations, check the UFL calendar at [engage.ccsd.net](http://engage.ccsd.net), call (702) 799-0303, or contact your student's school.

### Family Engagement Centers

Title I Family Engagement Centers are located in nine Title I elementary schools, one Title I middle school, and one Title I high school throughout the district. In collaboration with community and district partners, these centers provide programs and resources to support student achievement and foster strong family-school partnerships. Families are invited to join us at any of our centers for early childhood classes for parents/guardians and 3–5-year-olds, English classes for adults, Rosetta Stone licenses, parent/guardians and adult workshops, and technology support. The Family Engagement Centers are free and open to the community. Services are offered in English and Spanish. For the locations of these centers, visit [engage.ccsd.net](http://engage.ccsd.net) or call (702) 799-0303.

### Family Academy

Family Academy events are free learning opportunities for all Title I District families and their students. Hosted on Saturdays, these events are designed to provide engaging workshops and practical resources for families to support the academic success and wellbeing of their students. Workshops include interactive experiences and in-depth discussions that provide families with tools to support learning at home and enhance the educational experience of their student. Participants may attend sessions for adults only or sessions for

families learning together. Childcare for District students will be provided for the adult sessions. Dates of upcoming Family Academy events are posted on [engage.ccsd.net](http://engage.ccsd.net) or call (702) 799-0303.

### Super Saturdays

Super Saturday events are family learning opportunities offered through the Family Engagement Department in collaboration with key stakeholders and community partners in Las Vegas. Open to all Title 1 families and students, each Super Saturday event is designed to provide families the opportunity to gain valuable strategies, engage in rich learning experiences, and connect with free resources to support their students's academic success and wellbeing. Super Saturday events offer a platform for communities to come together for the common goal of student achievement. Dates of upcoming Super Saturday events are posted on [engage.ccsd.net](http://engage.ccsd.net) or call (702) 799-0303.

### VEGAS PBS

Support your student's learning with resources from Vegas PBS at <http://vegaspbs.org/learn>. PBS LearningMedia makes learning easy and fun for students in Pre-Kindergarten–Grade 12 and beyond. The website offers free and easy access to free resources to help students excel in any subject: science, social studies, mathematics, ELA, and more. The educational content includes videos, pictures, and interactive content, as well as educational games and activities based on favorite PBS KIDS programs. Hundreds of resources are also available in Spanish.

### TIPS FOR PARENTS/GUARDIANS

The *Parents Still Make The Difference!* monthly newsletter provides information on topics, such as encouraging reading, discipline, test success, and building self-esteem. Additional information is available at: [safevoicenv.org](http://safevoicenv.org) or [ccsd.net/students/safevoice/](http://ccsd.net/students/safevoice/).

Students, parents/guardians, and faculty throughout Nevada have access to SafeVoice, an anonymous reporting system used to report threats to the safety or wellbeing of students. SafeVoice was established by the Nevada Department of Education under SB 212 in 2017 to protect student wellness, prevent violence, and save lives. SafeVoice is found in NRS 388.1451 to 388.1459.

In partnership with the Nevada Department of Public Safety, the SafeVoice program provides students with a safe place to submit tips concerning their own safety or that of others. A fully trained professional team of experts responds in an appropriate manner 24/7/365. Tips always stay anonymous.

SafeVoice reports can be made through the hotline by calling (833) 216-SAFE (7233), electronically at [safevoicenv.org](http://safevoicenv.org), or through a free mobile app available in the app store for either Android or iPhone.



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