



## Important Educational Updates from CCFS April 2025

*You're in the final stretch of the school year!  
Give yourself a pat on the back for hanging in there!  
Also see below for some great opportunities for youths!*

### Important Dates to Know

- Friday April 18<sup>th</sup> – No School for Students (Staff Development Day)
- Monday April 28<sup>th</sup> – No School for Students

### 2025 Graduation Date Schedule Out Now

- High School Graduations take place mid-May through end of May for most schools. ***If you need to make arrangements to take the time off of work to attend your child's graduation or to plan for any guests to attend, knowing when your child graduates ahead of time is helpful.***
- Your child's school should let you know about all the school's graduation events. However, CCSD publishes its Graduation Schedule each year so families can see and plan ahead for their children's High School Graduation.
- [\*\*\*Click here for a list of CCSD High School Graduations Dates, Times, and Locations\*\*\*](#)

### Catch Your Child's Struggling Grades/Classes and Make a Plan to Raise Them

- ***With 7 weeks of school left, this is a great time to get your child the support they need to pass their classes/meet grade standards and not leave it to a last-minute scramble!***
- CCSD students are graded on their mastery of the class's content and state education standards. Students who have not shown mastery (for example getting a "D" or "F" on an assessment or in a class) are to work with their teacher to develop a plan to show new learning has occurred and then get reassessed. If a student does not submit missing work by the school deadline, a value of 50 percent at the elementary level and 0 percent at the secondary level will be entered for missing work. ***Parents/Students are encouraged to work with the teachers on ways to show mastery so that the student passes the class/subject.***
- ***Check your Parent Portal through Canvas or Infinite Campus to see your child's grades in real time. If you do not have access to the Parent Portal, please contact your child's school and ask them to help you get access to it on your computer or cell phone.***
- ***Work with your child's Education Decision Maker (EDM) and reach out to your child/your child's teacher if your child is getting an F or low D in any class/subject. We recommend you encourage and help your child to keep up with current assignments and then ask your child's teacher what the most important past assignments are they should work on to help raise your***

*child's grade in the class. If a child shows efforts on making up missing work, it can really help an appeal on getting them credit for the full or partial class.*

- *If a teacher will not work with you or your child on making up missing work, please contact your child's Foster Care Advocate at your child's school and counselor at the Middle/High School Level. You can also ask to speak with the Assistant Principal who supervises that teacher or counselor. A school's principal has the final say on a child's grade and ability to make up work in a class/subject within the school district's rules.*
- *If your child is struggling with work in a high school class, there are special laws for children in care that allow for partial credit in a class if a child shows efforts and work so encourage your child to do as much work as they are able to do. Contact your child's counselor for more information on partial credit for children in foster care.*
- [Click here](#) for more information on CCSD's Grading Policies

## Check with Your Child's School to See if Your Child Needs Summer School and for Summer School Options

- Summer School for Middle and High Schoolers will be offered in 2 sessions:
  - Session 1: June 2nd- June 20<sup>th</sup>
  - Session 2: June 23<sup>th</sup> through July 11<sup>th</sup>
- Check with your child's school to see if it offers summer school and if not, what is the nearest school to your child's school that offers summer school classes.
- *Keep in mind that some schools require daily attendance either in person or online so keep these dates in mind if your child needs summer school and you plan on taking vacations/time off.*
- CCSD will be offering in-person and online summer school for:
  - (1) original credit (credit to get ahead in classes/graduating and/or to get ahead to allow for extra classes in the child's schedule the child may want or need for educational goals) and
  - (2) credit retrieval (classes to obtain credit for classes the child failed or needs to promote to the next grade/needs to graduate)
- Pre-Registration for Summer School begins on April 21, 2025 and ends on May 27, 2025
- *CCSD School Counselors must pre-register students for summer school courses if your child's EDM agrees to it. You or the EDM will be contacted by your child's counselor if your child needs to complete summer school to stay on track to graduate and/or promote to the next grade.*
- *Check with your child's counselor if you would like to know if your child needs to take summer school to promote/graduate on time, discuss what type of summer school fits best for your child's learning style and summer plans, and to register for summer school*
- *If your child does not attend CCSD, ask your child's school about the above and what their summer school options are or what summer school classes they will accept*
- [Click here](#) for information on CCSD's Summer School Options and to see which summer school options work for your child and family
- [Click here](#) for information on Summer School for Grades 6-12 and specific courses offered this summer
- [Click here](#) for CCSD Online Options for Summer School

## If Your Child has an IEP, Find Out if Your Child has or needs Extended School Year (ESY) Services During the Summer

- ESY is an IEP related service for children to continue to meet their IEP goals during times that school is out (i.e. summer, big breaks). It is accessed through the child's IEP. There is a box checked on the IEP if the child is to receive ESY services.
- ESY will be offered for Summer 2025. Dates will be provided in April but are usually a month or so long.
- ESY services are optional. Families may choose to send or not send their children to ESY. Attendance is not required at ESY but is encouraged if a child needs to maintain skills during a big school break. The IEP Team including the EDM will determine which goals should be worked on during ESY.
- *EDMs/Caregivers of children who have ESY services in their IEPs should be receiving an email or text asking them to opt into ESY and sign up for transportation if needed starting in April*
- *For more information on CCSD's ESY or if you have not received any information on ESY and would like your child to attend, please contact your child's special education teacher at their school or CCSD's ESY Office at 702-799-7455.*
- *For children attending other schools who have IEPs and ESY, contact your child's special education teacher for ESY options.*

## Financial Aid/Scholarships for Foster Youth Available for Higher Education Opportunities

- Financial Aid, Scholarships, Waivers of Tuition and Fees, and other supports are available to current and former Foster Youths who wish to attend colleges/universities through the Nevada System of Higher Education's Fostering Success Initiative.
- The primary mission of the systemwide [Fostering Success Initiative](#)—including its critical [fee waiver](#) component—is to more effectively recruit, support, and retain students who have experienced foster care who wish and are involved in higher educational institutions in Nevada. Click on the links above for more information about the Initiative and Fee Waiver.
- *To learn more about Financial Aid and Scholarships, [click here](#). Please also contact your child's CCFS Caseworker and/or Independent Living Worker for more information as they are aware of these opportunities and more available for your child.*

## Tips for You and Your Child if Your Child was RPCed/Removed from School, Suspended, or Recommended for Expulsion to Help You and Your Child at Home

- As you are often the first contacts for schools and experience what is happening with your children on the front lines, we cannot monitor or advocate without you! *Your role in communicating with the EDM and the rest of your child's team is vital.*
- *Please let your child's EDM, Caseworker, and CAP Attorney know if your child is getting into trouble or has been cited by administrators for discipline. They are often trained in knowing your and your child's rights and can support you and your child through the disciplinary process.*

- **You can ask the school to contact you as soon as your child is about to be sent home/removed, not after they are removed.** A new law only requires the school to contact someone within 24 hours of removal. Explain that knowing when your child is removed in real time can help you get support your child needs and help you to ensure that there is care for your child at home upon removal.
- **If you are notified that there is a required parent conference needed as a step for your child to get back into school, please contact your child's EDM, Caseworker, and CAP Attorney and let them know of this request and let the school know to contact them.** Also contact the above team if the school is not letting your child back into school after the date noted on the paperwork or you feel your child is out of school for a long period of time without educational services.
- **Make sure the school provided paperwork to your child's EDM and provide any paperwork you receive to your child's EDM, caseworker, and CAP Attorney as soon as you can.** Your child's EDM has a right to appeal a suspension for more than 3 days and to appeal an expulsion recommendation. The appeal has to be filed within 5 days of receiving paperwork so it is urgent you get that paperwork to them in real time or ensure they have it.
- **If your child is suspended for more than 3 days at one time or more than 5 days cumulatively in the school year, your child is entitled to a Progressive Discipline Plan Based on Restorative Justice Practices (also known as an Individualized Student Plan).** This Plan must include positive behavioral supports, referrals for services, and re-engagement plans for children who are expelled and attending a new school. You can make any recommendations and share your opinion with the EDM on anything you think might help your child that can be put into the Plan. **If your child does have this Plan and you are aware of it, make sure the support identified in the Plan is being provided to your child or let the EDM know if it is not being provided.**
- **If your child is suspended for 5 days or more, your child has a special appeal right because of being in foster care. In determining the discipline, the principal must consult with the Foster Care Advocate or School Counselor to determine if your child poses an ongoing threat on campus and if being in foster care was a factor in the behavior relating to the incident.** If your child does not pose a threat and if being in foster care was a factor in behavior relating to the incident, your child must go back to school after 5 days. You may be contacted about this determination. Please ensure the school contacts your child's EDM, caseworker, and CAP Attorney to attend this meeting and also let them know if you want to attend this meeting. **Sensitive or private information about the child may not be shared without consulting the EDM, CAP Attorney, and/or caseworker.**
- **If it is too difficult for you to have your child at home or you think having your child not attend the school will affect their mental health, the EDM can ask the school to consider an alternative consequence to suspension/expulsion or ask the school to have your child serve the suspension/expulsion at an alternative program on school campus on your behalf if it is difficult for you to have your child at home.** Let your EDM know you want them to request this for you. Schools are supposed to provide progressive discipline and use gradual consequences to address negative behavior. Schools are also highly recommended to have in-person options for serving any out-of-school discipline. Alternative options or on-campus consequences can be considered in that progressive discipline. **Your child should also be provided education that is meaningful to them starting the 3rd day of suspension. Contact the school and the child's**

***EDM, Caseworker, and CAP Attorney if your child is not receiving educational services or if the educational services being provided do not work for you or your child.***

**Resource of the Month – CCSD Family Support Center**

- The CCSD Family Support Center assists CCSD students and their families with family engagement, adult English classes, pediatric health care, employment help, college counseling, and school registration.
- It also creates a welcoming environment for newcomers by offering district orientations and guidance for new students and families in Nevada
- [Click here](#) to visit CCSD's Family Support Center Website or call 7702-799-0002 to find out more about it

***We at CCFS thank you for all you are doing to help your child succeed!***

***Please contact your CCFS Representative for any assistance you need.***

***We appreciate you very much!***