



Important Educational Updates from DFS March 2022

***You and your child are almost halfway through the 2nd Semester. Woo hoo!
Congratulations on making it this far into a fairly challenging school year!
The 3rd Quarter ends this month. This is the time to check on your child's grades and make a
plan to ensure your child's success. See below for important tips!***

Important Dates to Know

- **Friday March 11th – End of Third Grading Period/3rd Quarter**
- **Monday, March 14th – No School for Students**

Quarter Ends March 11 - Check Your Child's Grades/Progress Reports

- The 3rd Quarter ends March 11th. This is the halfway mark of the 2nd Semester.
- *Quarters are a great time to check your child's progress in classes and reach out to your child/your child's teacher if your child is getting an F or low D in the class. We recommend you ask your child's teacher what are the most important assignments to complete and what upcoming assignments your child should focus on to raise your child's grade in the class.*
- *If a teacher will not work with you or your child on makeup work, please contact your child's Foster Care Advocate/Social Worker to assist you.*
- Please ensure you have access to your child's grades in real time on the Infinite Campus Parent Portal and/or Canvas Learning System.
 - Families can create an observer account in the Parent Canvas Portal. Parents/Caregivers can personalize the notifications to best stay informed about their children's educational progress. To sign up for an observer Canvas account please visit <https://ccsd.net/employees/canvas/canvas-students>.
 - To sign up to get Infinite Campus Parent Portal and set up your account, contact your child's school and ask for the Infinite Campus Designee to assist you.

Please Report/Have Your Child Report Threats, Suicide, and Bullying

- SafeVoice is an anonymous tip report system with live response 24/7/365. Safevoice (SV) includes and goes beyond bullying to create an anonymous way to also report threats of school violence and friends at risk of suicide, self-harm, drugs and more. Reports are followed up on and are monitored.
- *To access SafeVoice and find out more about the system, please visit <https://ccsd.net/students/safevoice>.*
- *For other resources, please contact your child's school counselor and social worker*

If Your Child was RPCed, Suspended, or Recommended for Expulsion, Check to See if a Restorative Justice Plan was Created and if a Determination was Made that the Incident was not Related to Being in Foster Care

- Schools must create Restorative justice Plans after a child has been removed from school for any disciplinary action (RPCs, Suspension, or Expulsions). Restorative Justice Plans outline actions taken by the school to support the student for the possible reasons the child may be in disciplinary procedures.
- Parents have the rights to appeal a suspension or expulsion recommendation from a school.
- **A child in foster care who is at least 11 years of age may be suspended or expelled from school only if a determination is made that the behavior that led to the suspension or expulsion was not caused by being in foster care. It shall be presumed that the behavior was caused by being in foster care unless an advocate for child in foster care or the school counselor of the pupil determines that the behavior was not caused by being in foster care.**
- *You can ask your child's school for your child's restorative justice plan if they have been removed at all from school. You can inquire whether the plan has been followed/enacted.*
- *If you disagree with your child's suspension or expulsion, please let your administrators know of your disagreement and ensure they document it. Follow up with your school's Foster Care Advocate and Principal if your child was not given a Restorative Justice Plan or if it was not determined that the behavior used as the basis of the suspension/expulsion was not caused by being in foster care and you disagree with that determination.*
- *For additional help and support, please contact your child's caseworker and CCSD's Foster Care Department at 702-799-1196 and fostercaretransrequest@nv.ccsd.net*

Free Breakfast/Lunch and Meal Distribution Sites

- For the 2021-2022 School Year, breakfast and lunch are available at no cost to all children ages 2-18.
- Students participating in distance education may pick up meals at the following locations: Bennett ES; Bridger ES; Cram MS; Faiss MS; Guinn MS; Johnston MS; Lied STEM Academy MS; Mack MS; Molasky JHS; and Desert Pines HS.
- Meal service will take place approximately 15-30 minutes after school dismissal for an hour.
- Three days worth of meals can be picked up on Wednesday and two days worth of meals can be picked up on Friday.

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

Please contact your DFS Representative for any assistance you need.

We appreciate you very much!