



Important Educational Updates from DFS
December 2025
What You Need to Know….

We are in the final few weeks of First Semester of the 2025-2026 School Year!
Congratulations on making this far to you and your children!

Wishing you all a Happy and Healthy Holiday Season and enjoy spending time with your families!

Please see below for information on important school dates, helping your child before the end of the semester, free mental and physical health help offered through the school district, and exciting school options open to our children for the next school year!

Important Dates to Know

- **Friday, December 19th 2025: End of First Semester/Last Day of School before Winter Break for CCSD**
- **Monday, December 22, 2025 – Friday, January 2nd, 2026: CCSD Winter Break (No Classes)**
- **Monday January 5th, 2026 – CCSD Classes Resume and Second Semester Begins**

Check Your Children's Grades Early December and Reach out to Teachers for Help if They are Struggling/Not Passing Classes

- **Please check your child's grades on Infinite Campus and/or Canvas to what grades your children are currently receiving.**
- **If your child has a low D or F in any class (Elementary/Middle/High School) or any 1s in any subject (Elementary School), you are highly encouraged to reach out to your child's Education Decision Maker (EDM), teachers, School Foster Care Advocates, and/or counselors to find out why your children are not passing the class/are in danger of failing the class and make a plan with the EDM and school how to help your child to pass the class.**
- Students will get "0"s for missing work which will impact their overall grades. Teachers and school staff have are encouraged to allow students to turn in late assignments/homework and to retake tests until close to the end of the semester (December 19th). If the teacher is unwilling to work with you, please contact the assistant principal who is over the teacher or the School Foster Care Advocate for help. You can also contact CCSD's Foster Care Department at 702-799-1196 or via fostercaretransrequest@nv.ccsd.net.
- You can ask teachers what assignments are the most important for your child to complete to show understanding of the class content or what assignments will provide the most "points" to help improve your child's grades.
- At the Middle and High School levels, you can contact the school counseling office to set up an appointment to meet with all your child's teachers to see how your child is doing in school. Meeting with all teachers at once for 15-20 mins can be very efficient for getting a lot of information in short time and for your busy schedule!
- *You can provide your child with incentives and positive encouragement to help them make it through the last few weeks of the semester! Study break snacks, rewards after a big test, and reminding your child that you are there to help can make a difference for them during this stressful time.*

Contact Your Child's Educational Decision Maker (EDM), Caseworker, and CAP Attorney if your Child is RPCed, Suspended or Recommended for Expulsion as Your Child May Have Special Rights in the Disciplinary Process and They can Help You Advocate for In-School Discipline Options

- CCSD's new discipline policy supports having less out-of-school placements (more on-campus consequences), ensuring meaningful instruction takes place if a child is out of school for discipline, and providing resources to the child and the child's family relating to any behavior/factor that is related to the consequence. More rehabilitative and mental health related practices will be used by schools and school districts now along with consequences.
- EDMs have a right to appeal a suspension over 3 days or a recommended expulsion. This right should be explained by an administrator when the discipline is discussed with the parent. The administrator should take note of the parent's wanting to appeal and provide the parent with the next steps in the appeal process.
- ***If your child is suspended for more than 5 day cumulatively or recommended for expulsion, your child has a special right because of being in foster care. In determining the discipline, the principal must consult with your child's EDM and certain persons such as the counselor or social worker who have an interest in the education of the child 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 leading to the disciplinary action. If your child does not pose a threat and if being in foster care was a factor in behavior relating to the incident, the principal must either:(1) end the period of suspension and provide your child with behavioral and academic support; or (2) assign your child to a temporary alternative placement for not more than 45 school days for some extreme circumstances. This usually takes place as a meeting. The discipline may stop or change based on the determination.***
- ***It is very important that you contact your child's Education Decision Maker (EDM), Caseworker, and CAP Attorney to let them know if your child was: sent home; RPCed; suspended; recommended for expulsion; and/or not given educational services. Please also ensure the EDM, Caseworker, and CAP Attorney is given any papework you are given and knows of any disciplinary meetings such as the special foster care discipline meeting that you are contacted about so they can follow up with the school. They will represent your child and ensure your child's educational rights are being upheld.***
- ***You can also let your EDM, Saseworker, and CAP Attorney know if having your child in an out of school placement or at home during disciplinary procedures is hard on you. If so, they can help you ask for in-school disciplinary options.***
- ***If your child is being suspended or recommended for expulsion and you are concerned about the school's decision or approach, please contact CCSD's Foster Care Department at 702-799-1196 or fostercaretransrequest@nv.ccsd.net.***
- ***Click here for a Guide to School Discipline for Caregivers***

Applications for CCSD Magnet Schools and Change of School Assignment Now Open for the 2025-2026 School Year and Accepted Through January 13th

- ***The Clark County School District (CCSD) is now accepting applications for students interested in attending one of CCSD's many choice offerings, including Magnet Schools, the new Career and Technical Academy at Gilespie Street and East Starr Avenue or Change of School Assignment (COSA) options, for the 2026-2027 school year through January 13, 2026.*** Magnets and CTAs are great ways for students to pursue jobs they might be interested in and get school credit/training for a learning a skill!
- Some careers your child could receive training and school credit for at Magnets or CTAs include: Teaching, Graphic Design, Architecture, Construction, Automotive Industry, Cosmetology, Business, Forensic Science,

Advanced Manufacturing Technologies, Cyber Defense and Advanced Computing Technology, Early Childhood Education, and Entertainment and Sports Marketing. **Information about magnet programs can be found online at magnet.ccsd.net**.

- ***An Open Enrollment option is available if you, your child's Caseworker, and your child's EDM want your child to attend a new school.*** Schools with spaces available are placed on the Open Enrollment list as an option for a school move. CCSD establishes the school to which a student is assigned based on the child's address. The Open Enrollment process provides an equitable way for parents/guardians to request a school assignment outside their zoned school**. Schools with seats available can be accessed by clicking here. Schools that do not appear on the list do not have seats available for the COSA process. For more information on the COSA process, visit itsyourchoice.ccsd.net/change-of-school-assignment/.**
- *Transportation will only be provided to students living within the designated boundary for transportation of the school and caregivers may have to transport their children to school or to a transportation stop close to their home.*
- ***If you think your child would benefit from going to a different school, would benefit from specific training in a specific career or program above, and/or would benefit from get some real world job training while getting school credit for it, let your child's Caseworker and EDM know you are interested in exploring a possible program or a new school for your child.***
- ***If you are interested in these types of programs but want your child to stay at your child's school, you can contact your child's school counselor and ask what types of Career and Technical programs are available on their middle or high school campuses.***

Resource of the Month: Licensed Health Care Available to All CCSD Students At No Cost

- CCSD offers mental and physical health support to all CCSD students at no cost with or without insurance through an agreement with Hazel Health. Hazel Health provides expert medical advice, over-the-counter medicine, and call-in prescriptions for students.
- ***Families can have quick access to licensed health care and can see a doctor online in a matter of minutes and can get virtual medical care or teletherapy on a smartphone, tablet, or computer.***
- ***For more information on Hazel Health and how to utilize the services, visit here.***

If you have any other questions or concerns about your child, please reach out to your child's Caseworker to receive support.

Thank you for all you do to support your children!