



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

You made it through the first few weeks of school! Way to go!
Thank you for all you do for your child(ren)!

Important Dates

- **Friday, October 10th – End of First Quarter/First Grading Period**
- **Monday, October 20th – Elementary School Parent-Teacher Conferences (No School for Elementary Students)**
- **Friday, October 31st – Nevada Day Observed (No School for Students)**
- *To see when school is/is not in session for the upcoming school year, click here*

Check Infinite Campus/Canvas Parent Information to view your child's First Quarter Grades

- ***The First Quarter of School Ends on Friday October 10th***
- ***While it is semester grades that become a part of a child's official report card or transcript, quarter grades can be a great indication of how a child is doing in school and any struggles a child may have thus far to help them catch up on missing work before the end of the semester***. Quarter grades/progress reports and even a teachers' contact information will be posted on Infinite Campus and Canvas***.***
- Teachers /school staff are encouraged to work with families to help children be successful in school and not fail so plans can be worked out make up missing work. Students will receive "0" for any missing work but CCSD is encouraging schools and teachers to accept and give credit for any missing work turned in throughout the semester no matter how late the work is turned in. Late assignments may be accepted until mid-December.
- ***If your child is struggling in school as indicated by multiple failing or missing assignments or your child has unsatisfactory quarter/progress grade in a class (such as a D or an F), please reach out to your child's Education Decision Maker and child's teacher (elementary/middle/high school) or counselor/class teacher (middle/high school) to find out why the child is failing and how any failed or missing work can be made up.*** **Ask which assignments are the most important or could help your child's grade the most and make a plan to catch up on key assignments while keeping up with current assignments.**
- ***Ask your child's teacher(s) why your child is struggling in that class and what help he/she might need to do better. Encourage your child to meet with the teacher and create a plan to get support.***

- ***At the middle and high school level, you can set up a meeting with all your child's teachers in the morning before school or after school to go over progress in each class via your child's counselor. You can also ask your child's principal/assistant principal or counselor about any intervention or academic support programs. Some schools offer pull out, small group support in academic areas, tutoring, teacher office hours, or other types of support programs on campus.***
- ***If you need access to Infinite Campus/Canvas, contact your child's school for assistance or click*** here for instructions.

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

- A principal must consider whether being in foster care was a cause of or had a substantial relationship to the behavior of the pupil when suspending a pupil in foster care for more than 5 days or recommending expulsion.
- The consideration must take place along with a meeting of the Education Decision Maker of the child and certain persons such as the school counselor or social worker who have an interest in the education of the pupil.
- If during such a meeting it is determined that the conduct was caused by or had a substantial relationship to the pupil being in foster care, the principal must either: (1) end the period of suspension and provide the pupil with behavioral and academic support; or (2) assign the pupil to a temporary alternative placement for not more than 45 school days if the behavior that led to the suspension consisted of, while at school or a school activity, possessing a dangerous weapon or firearm, engaging in certain actions relating to controlled substances or committing a battery intended to cause bodily injury.
- School principals should make sure this foster care determination and meetings take place before discipline moves forward past the school level
- Schools should invite the child's EDM, CCFS Caseworker, CAP Attorney, and other identified foster care team members to any discipline/determination meeting. Their provided input should be documented in the discipline and meeting records.
- ***Please notify your child's EDM, caseworker, and other member of your child's team if your child gets RPCed, suspended, recommended for explusion, and/or is showing a pattern of behavior that is starting to get them into trouble at school. They can all support you and your child at disciplinary meetings and can ensure your child's rights are upheld.***
- ***Please contact your child's caseworker and CCSD's Foster Care Department at 702-799-1196 or fostercaretransrequest@nv.ccsd.net if you are struggling with your child's school and need some support.***

Contact Your Children's School Foster Care Advocate and/or CCSD's Foster Care Department to introduce yourself/your children and for any issues

- School Based Foster Care Advocates (FCAs)are assigned on each school campus to help families and children involved in foster care to navigate school services. The beginning of the year is a great time to reach out to him/her, introduce yourself, and create a relationship as the FCA may be able to help you with many issues that arise over the course of the school year. You can also share anything that works well in working with your child and helps them if they begin to struggle. Having a good relationship with your child's school is more important than ever this school year.
- ***To find out who your FCA is, ask your child's school office or administration/principal's office if the office doesn't know.***
- ***CCSD also maintains a Foster Care Department to assist schools and help families with foster care related educational issues. To contact CCSD's Foster Care Department, please email fostercaretransrequest@nv.ccsd.net or call 702-799-1196.***
- ***For schools outside of CCSD, contact your child's school office or principal to find out who the Foster Care Liaison is.***

Resource of the Month: CCSD's Website Parent Section

- CCSD's website has some great resources for parents in their Parent Section (www.ccsd.net and click on the Parents Tab on top drop-down menu)
- Resources in the Parents Section include: Policies and Procedures; School Websites and Directories; Transportation Information; Special Education Services; Food Services; Magnet School Information; Student Code of Conduct (Disciplinary Information); Mental Health Resources; and the Family and Community Engagement Services.
- *Visit the Parent Section and find out important information that will help you navigate school services for your child!*

Thank you for all you do!

CCFS is here to help you!