

## **Important Educational Updates for the New Semester!**

Hi Everyone. We hope everyone is safe and well! Welcome to 2<sup>nd</sup> Semester and last semester of the 20/21 School Year. If your children struggled last semester, this is a great opportunity for a brand new start. Even if your children are in the same classes this semester, the grading period starts again so all children have the opportunity to improve and/or make new goals/plans for an even more successful school year!

Here is some important information on how to start the semester off strongly!

### ***Ensure Your Children have Access to all Technology Needed for Online Learning***

*Please make sure any DFS placed children in your home have access to a school approved device and access to the internet.* Students who are in need of a device for distance education should contact their school to receive one. If the school is unable to provide devices/internet hotspots or there is a delay in getting them, please contact Dawna Alexander, the CCSD Foster Care Coordinator at [fostercaretransrequests@nv.ccsd.net](mailto:fostercaretransrequests@nv.ccsd.net) or 702-521-1890 for assistance or ask for the contact information for the Foster Care Liaison that oversees the school.

*\*If you are having a child placed in your home, please ask your DFS Specialist to ensure the child comes with his/her device and/or internet hotspot if one has been assigned to the child.*

*\*If a child is leaving your home, please make sure to send the child's device and/or internet hotspot with him/her or let the DFS Specialist know if the child will need a device or access upon moving if you have been using personal devices or internet for the child to access school.*

### ***Monitor Your Child's Grades/School Success***

The Canvas Learning Management System allows families to create an observer account in the Parent Canvas Portal. In the Observer accounts, families can access their child's grades in real time. In addition, parents/guardians can personalize the notifications to best stay informed about their children's educational progress. To sign up for an observer account please visit <https://ccsd.net/employees/canvas/canvas-students>.

*If your child struggles in a particular class in knowing what assignments need to be completed or in turning in work, please contact the child's teacher in that class to discuss how to help your child be successful in that class.*

For tips on how to help with Online Learning visit [Navigating Learning from Home: ELL Resources for Parents and Guardians \(instructure.com\)](https://instructure.com/courses/1133337/navigating-learning-from-home-ell-resources-for-parents-and-guardians)

### ***Check that Your Child is Attending School***

Students are expected to engage with their teachers and classes daily. To be counted as present for attendance, the students must either:

1. Complete coursework and turn it in on the same day; or
2. Attend a real-time class session for a class that day; or

3. Meet or communicate with the teacher or substitute for a class about their progress that day.

Teachers will mark the students as present for a class once they complete one or more of the above attendance requirements. Students may also submit work or communicate with the teacher on that day past the hours of the school day but before 11:59 pm that day to be counted as present.

If a student is not able to meet any of the requirements above on that day, the Infinite Campus portal will mark the student with the initials "DNP" meaning Distance Education Non-Participation which is considered an unexcused absence if it is not excused by a parent/guardian.

*Please check your Infinite Campus Parent Account to see your child's attendance. If you see any but especially more than 3 DNPs, please work with your child to attend classes or contact the child's teacher in that class to discuss the situation. Keep in mind that attendance is updated nightly and may not change until the system runs again the following day.*

*If you need an Infinite Campus Parent Account to check attendance, please contact your child's school office.*

### ***Social Emotional Support Available for Your Child/Family***

Distance Learning and Covid-19 events can be very stressful for children and families. CCSD and other school districts have resources available to support students and families. Most schools have a school counselor or social worker available to work with families. Please ask your child's school who is available to work with your family or child on social emotional issues.

*If your child, family member, or someone you know need assistance or support, you may contact:*

- *SafeVoice: 1-833-216-SAFE (7233) for anonymous bullying or other reporting*
- *CCSD Police: 702-799-5411*
- *Mobile Crisis Response Team: 702-486-7865*
- *National Suicide Lifeline: 1-800-273-TALK (8255)*
- *Nevada Crisis Line: 775-784-8090*

[Click here](#) for a list of community resources or visit <https://ccsd.net/schools/back-to-school/resources.php> for other resources available for Parents.

### ***Parent Canvas Courses in Various Languages***

The English Language Learner Division provides Parent Canvas courses with resources such as:

- Grade-level Google Classrooms for families and students.
- Pre-recorded workshops in English and Spanish.
- Some parent videos available in up to seven languages to support the CCSD diverse student population.

Parents interested in learning about the Parent Canvas courses available in multiple languages may visit, [https://bit.ly/ELL\\_ResourcesforParents-Guardians](https://bit.ly/ELL_ResourcesforParents-Guardians).

*DFS is here to support you in any of your children's/families' school related struggles. We may have resources available to assist you.*

*Please let your DFS Representative know of those struggles so we can begin our process to support you!*

***THANK YOU FOR WHAT YOU DO FOR OUR CHILDREN. YOU MAKE A DIFFERENCE!***