



Important Educational Updates from CCFS
March 2025

You and your child are almost halfway through the 2nd Semester. Woo hoo!
Congratulations on making it this far!
The 3rd Quarter ends this month. This is the time to check on your child's grades and plan to ensure your child's success.
Also see below for some great opportunities for youths!

Important Dates to Know

- Friday March 14th - End of Third Quarter
- Monday March 17th – Friday March 21st – Spring Break – No School
- Monday March 24th- Classes Resume

Quarter Ends March 14th - Check Your Child's Grades/Progress Reports

- The 3rd Quarter ends March 14th. This is the halfway mark of the 2nd Semester.
- ***Quarter grades are not recorded but show you how your child is doing in the class at the halfway through the semester mark. This is 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, a D, an N, or a 1 or 2 in any class.***
- ***If your child is in elementary school and struggling, please ask your child's teacher what they are struggling with and ask what services/interventions at school they can be placed into to help with those struggles. There are pull-out classes, learning specialists, and special curriculums/programs your child may be placed into.***
- ***If your child is in middle or high school, ask your child's teacher what the most important assignments are 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 or will not provide information on programs/solutions, please contact the Foster Care Advocate/Social Worker at the school to assist you as CCSD as a district encourages schools to work with children/families and accept late work.***
- 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.

CCSD is Now Accepting Pre-Kindergarten Enrollment Requests for Next School Year

- ***The Clark County School District (CCSD) is accepting enrollment requests for Pre-Kindergarten (Pre-K) programs for the 2025–2026 school year. CCSD offers more than 12,000 free Pre-K seats in over 600 Early Childhood programs.*** Most CCSD Pre-K programs are half-day, with a limited number of full-day programs.
- To be eligible for the Pre-K Program, a student must be three years old before August 1, 2025; not be eligible for Kindergarten enrollment; and must transport student to and from school by a parent/caregiver
- If selected, students will be offered a Pre-K seat at the school closest to their home with an opening. Parents/guardians will be notified via email of their student's placement in early June 2025 and will be provided with registration instructions.
- If there are more interested students than available seats at a school, students will be selected via lottery no later than May 23, 2025. Students not selected via lottery will be offered a seat at the closest school with an opening or placed on a waitlist if no seats are available in the area. Parents/guardians with students on the waitlist will be notified of their student's placement as soon as there is an available seat.
- ***If you are interested in having your child attend a Pre-K Program, please discuss it with your CCFS Representative/Caseworker and fill out the Pre-K Interest Form to be added to the interest or waitlist. Filling out the Interest Form will reserve your child at least a spot or on the waitlist so you have an options of having your child attend.***

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 Succes 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 CCFS Caseworker and/or Independent Living Worker for more information as they are aware of opportunities 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

- During the 2023 Legislative Session, changes were made to school discipline laws and procedures. We are watching to see how these new laws will be affecting our children so we can address them.
- 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 – Family Guides to Support Learning/What Your Child Should Know at the End of the School Year by Grade Level

- CCSD has provided Family Guides, created by Seek Common Ground and the experts at Student Achievement Partners, to help parents and caregivers with the information and tools they need to support their children academically in English and Math.
- ***By the end of the school year, your child will have been taught skills to achieve grade level goals and should be getting closer to achieving the goals listed in your child's grade level Family Guide. If your child is not close to achieving their grade levels goals, please talk to your child's teacher and get their recommendations on how to help your child get the support they need.***
- *To view the Family Guides, click here.*

We at CCFS 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!