



Important Educational Updates from DFS
January 2024

Hi Everyone. Happy 2024 and 2nd Semester of the 2023-2024 School Year!

Congratulations on making this far into the school year to you and your children! 

It is now a new semester. For those of our kids who struggled last semester, they can start anew and with a fresh start in this one! Please encourage your children to either continue their good work in school or to start the new semester with a belief that this semester will be better than the last one!

Important Dates to Know

- **Monday, January 1st – No School for Students (Winter Break)**
- **Tuesday, January 2nd - Classes Resume for All Students/Second Semester Begins**
- **Monday, January 15th – No School for Students (Martin Luther King, Jr. Day)**
- **Monday January 22nd – No School for Students (Staff Development Day)**

Fall Semester 2023 Grades are Available to Parents Via Campus Parent

- Please make sure to check your child's grades last semester via Campus Parent. Instructions to access Campus Parent can be found by clicking here or by asking your child's school to help you access Campus Parent.
- ***If you are concerned about a grade or anything else on your child's grade report, contact your child's Education Decision Maker (EDM) if you are not your child's EDM and your child's teacher and/or school counselor (especially at the middle and high school level) to discuss your concern and help determine how your child might be able to do better in the upcoming semester.***
- Teachers are available to meet with parents before and after school during their contract time and sometimes during their prep period. For meetings with teachers at the middle school and high school level, contact your child's counseling office or counselor to set up the meeting. Middle and high schools offer these meetings regularly to parents. At the meeting, if you hear your child is struggling in a class or subject, ask what support are available to help your child at school and ask the teacher what you can do to support your child in that class.
- If your child failed a high school level class, see below to determine if your child can get some credit for the class.

If Your Child Failed Any Course in High School, Please Check with Your Child's Counselor to See if Your Child May Be Able to Receive Partial Credit for the Course

- Under Nevada Law, each public school must create an academic plan for a pupil enrolled in ninth grade to progress towards meeting graduation requirements. For children in foster care, the plan must be revised and adjusted to maximize the accrual of credits and partial credit may be awarded for efforts the child made in the course. Credits should also be maximized for pupils taking high school courses who are enrolled in middle school/junior high as well.
- ***If your child failed a course last semester in high school or failed a high school level course in middle school, contact your child's counselor at the school and find out if your child can receive partial credit for the course. If you have any difficulty in working with your child's school or counselor, contact CCSD's Foster Care Department at 702-799-1196 or fostercaretransrequest@nv.ccsd.net.***

If Your Child was Removed from School, Suspended, or Recommended for Expulsion, Please Ensure/Do the Following:

- ***Contact your child's EDM (if you are not the EDM), Caseworker, and CAP Attorney to let them know your child was sent home and let them know about any discipline occurring for your child and any required conferences/disciplinary meetings being arranged for your child. They know yours and your child's rights in discipline and can assist you in advocating for your child!***
- 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.
- Ask for any documents that give information about the reason your child is being sent home and about information surrounding the incident. These documents are often titled as Notices and Reports on the top of school forms given to you. Ensure these documents were provided to the EDM as well (if you are not the EDM). If the school says they cannot give you the documents due to other children's names on them, request the school give you the documents and redact or remove the other children's names. You are allowed to have any documents regarding your child with other children's names removed.
- Make sure the school has the following information correctly on the documents sent to you and the EDM: the reason the child is removed; the correct day your child was first sent home on; how long the removal from school is; and when the child can return to school.
- 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.
- If your child is removed for more than 3 days, your/your child are entitled to: in-person educational options to make sure they are moving forward in their classes; an appeal if you disagree with the school's decision to suspend/expel your child; a progressive disciplinary plan with restorative justice; and a special determination about the effects of being in foster care had on the behavior causing the incident that the removal is based on (if removal for more than 5

days). Work with your EDM, Caseworker, and CAP Attorney on the above and let them know if these rights were not given to you or your child.

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!