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## **Clark County School District honored with a "Best Communities for Music Education" award**

*District recognized for its commitment and access to music education*

**LAS VEGAS** - For the 18th consecutive year, the Clark County School District (CCSD) has been named one of the "Best Communities for Music Education" by the National Association of Music Merchants (NAMM) Foundation.

CCSD joins a select group of school districts nationwide recognized for outstanding efforts by teachers, administrators, parents, students and community leaders who have made music education part of the curriculum. Designations are made to districts and schools that demonstrate an exceptionally high commitment and access to music education.

Secondary Music, Dance and Theatre Coordinator Rick McEnaney said, "This consistent recognition is a testament to our remarkable community, trustee and administrative support, combined with dedicated teaching and amazing students."

According to NAMM, the designation takes on added significance this year with new research showing strong ties between K-12 school students who actively participate in school music education programs and overall student success.

NAMM Foundation Executive Director Mary Luehrsen said, "Studying music has intrinsic benefits and, on its own, is core to learning. Also, the links between student success and music education have now been demonstrated by brain researchers in multiple studies."

CCSD has the largest Fine Arts program in the United States. Every CCSD elementary school has a certified music teacher and the district has 261 music teachers in grades six through 12. The average K-12 music teacher reaches more than 275 students per day.

Additionally, CCSD music teachers are regularly selected as presenters, adjudicators and trainers at the regional, national and international levels.

For more information about the NAMM awards program, click [here](#). To learn more about CCSD, visit [ccsd.net](http://ccsd.net).

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