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Statistics and Successes from the Clark County School District

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Special Back-to-School Edition

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The Clark County School District (CCSD) aims to be #1ForKids. Our schools, students, and staff celebrate achievements every day. Check out some of our recent accomplishments and accolades!



Our Highest Graduation Rate To Date!

CCSD's final graduation rate for the Class of 2017 was a record high 83.22 percent, and the Class of 2018 is expected to exceed that rate, pending final data compiled by the Nevada Department of Education.

CCSD is the fifth-largest urban school district, but our 2017 graduation rate exceeds that of the four largest districts, New York, Los Angeles, Chicago, and Miami-Dade!



Continued Gains in Achievement

For the graduating classes of 2011 through 2017, the graduation rate increased 24 percentage points. These same cohorts demonstrated rising achievement in other measures:

- Largest gain in the U.S. of Seniors passing Advanced Placement tests, exceeding the national rate
- Second-largest gain in U.S. in National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) 8th-grade reading achievement
- Fifth-largest gain in U.S. in NAEP 8th-grade math achievement



How Did We Compare on the Nation's Report Card?

The release of the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) test, otherwise known as “the nation’s report card,” shows that CCSD students are performing at a comparable level, or even better, than many of their counterparts in the nation’s large urban school districts, despite receiving significantly less funding than many of those districts and having a higher percentage of students who qualify for the Free and Reduced Lunch (FRL) program.

The 2016-17 school year was the first that CCSD participated in the NAEP Trial Urban District Assessment, which allows CCSD to compare itself to 26 other urban school districts that serve similar student populations.

The results showed that CCSD’s performance is comparable to or exceeds:

- 61.5% of large city school districts in fourth-grade math;
- 73.1% of large city school districts in eighth-grade math;
- 69.2% of large city school districts in fourth-grade reading; and
- 80.8% of large city school districts in eighth-grade reading.



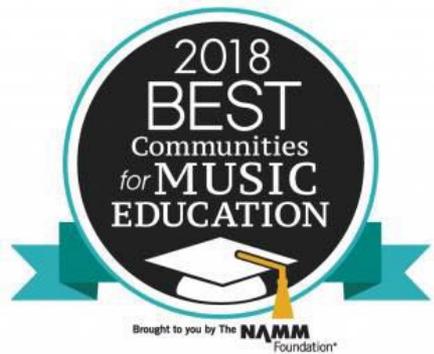
Advanced Placement Gains



For the sixth straight year, Nevada students improved their performance on Advanced Placement (AP) Exams with 49.5 percent of the 24,637 test takers scoring a 3, 4, or 5 indicating college readiness.

The District also saw increased pass rates among all of its subgroups.

More than 12,200 AP exams qualified for college credits in CCSD last year. With an average in-state tuition cost of \$144 per credit hour, this represents a total of \$5,270,400 in potential tuition savings for students in CCSD.



CCSD Named a Best Community for Music Education – for 19th Year in a Row!



U.S. Presidential Scholars

Three CCSD students are a part of the 54th class of U.S. Presidential Scholars, recognizing only 161 high school seniors in the nation for their accomplishments in academics, the arts and career and technical education fields.

The CCSD students are:

- Andrew T. Wang – Ed W. Clark High School (Presidential Scholar in Academics);
- Alisha M. Yi – Ed W. Clark High School (Presidential Scholar in the Arts); and
- Leah Yim – West Career and Technical Academy (Presidential Scholar in Academics).



Congratulations to Our 27 Shining Star Schools

Of the 30 schools named by the Nevada Department of Education as Shining Star Schools, 27 of them are CCSD schools. A Shining Star School is one that has significantly outperformed the state average in serving all students, with an emphasis on closing the opportunity gap. These schools are also high-performing schools serving a high percentage of students in poverty. The complete list of schools can be found [here](#).



Congratulations to CCSD's National Merit Scholars

A total of 62 CCSD students from 15 high schools were selected as semi-finalists in the 2018 National Merit Scholarship Program and competed for National Merit Scholarships worth more than \$33 million. Only 1 percent of U.S. high school seniors receive this honor.



Nationally Recognized Magnet Schools

Gordon McCaw STEAM Academy was awarded the New and Emerging Magnet School of Excellence award. CCSD has one of the top Magnet programs in the country, with two National Demonstration Schools that are “best in the nation,” five nationally certified Magnet Schools and 26 Magnet Schools of America awards this year – our most ever!



National High School of the Year

Rancho High School was named the National High School of the Year for 2017 by National Hispanic Institute, recognized for outstanding service and support in fostering future Latino community leaders. Read more in the [Las Vegas Review-Journal](#).



Number One Magnet School in the Country

East Career and Technical Academy was awarded the highest honor from Magnet Schools of America, as the number one Magnet School in the U.S.

CCSD recently received a \$15 million national grant to create three new STEM magnet programs for this new school year. Since 2014, CCSD has increased the number of magnet program seats by 102 percent!



Raising the Pulse Rate in Career and Technical Education

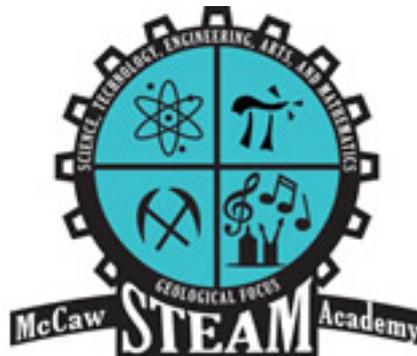
In 2016-2017, Nevada students had the highest pass rate in the nation on the assessment of workplace readiness skills. In 2018, 4,926 CCSD seniors were nationally certified in Workplace Readiness Soft Skills. Last year, there were 65,725 enrollments in Career and Technical Education (CTE) courses districtwide.

Since the 2014-2015 school year, the number of students completing Advanced Placement and CTE courses each year has grown from 29,995 to 36,870, an increase of more than 20 percent.



Two National Title I Distinguished Schools

Two Clark County School District schools have been named National Title I Distinguished Schools by the National Title I Association. Walter Bracken STEAM Academy and Gordon McCaw STEAM Academy are among 61 schools throughout the U.S., and the only schools in Nevada, to receive national recognition for exceptional student achievement in 2017.



Girls in Tech

Over the past three years, more than 3,000 middle school female students (6th- through 8th-grade) were exposed to career exploration and hands-on activities in various Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) and Information Technology (IT) career fields that are available to them in Southern Nevada.

Former Southwest Career and Technical Academy student and now University of Nevada, Las Vegas sophomore Ana Katarina Charvet won the 2017 Adobe Certified Associate World Championship out of more than 110,000 candidates from 67 countries to prove her superior digital communications skills. Not only did she win the number one spot in the world, it is the first time any American has won!



Two National Blue Ribbon Schools

Two CCSD schools – Sandra Lee Thompson and Shirley and Bill Wallin Elementary Schools – were recently honored by the U.S Department of Education (DOE) as National Blue Ribbon Schools. The award is based on their overall academic excellence or their progress in closing achievement gaps among student subgroups. This year, the DOE selected only 342 public and private schools nationwide as National Blue Ribbon Schools for the 2017-2018 school year. The selections mark the ninth consecutive year that CCSD had at least one school chosen for this prestigious honor and the 26th time a CCSD school has been selected as a Blue Ribbon School since the program was established in 1982.



CCSD has the Largest Fine Arts Program in the Country



Zoom Schools Seeing Success

The Clark County School District receives extra funding for 38 Zoom Schools supporting English Language Learners in our District. Students consistently enrolled in Zoom Elementary Schools since kindergarten consistently outperformed their peers on the SBAC (Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium) testing.



This Spring, CCSD Hosted the Nation's Largest Student-run Farmers Market



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