



# CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT ACHIEVEMENTS AND INITIATIVES

2024–2025

## STUDENTS

- **Six CCSD high school seniors** (of seven representing Nevada) were semifinalists for the U.S. Presidential Scholars Program.
- The Class of 2025 was offered over **\$360 million** in aid and merit-based scholarships.
- **76 CCSD high school students** were selected as 2025 National Merit Scholarship semifinalists.
- **16 high school seniors** will attend top universities on full-ride scholarships through the QuestBridge National College Match.
- **209 high school seniors** received the Superintendent's Medallion Award for academic excellence.
- **Advanced Technologies Academy students** earned the top prize in the Intuit Hour of Finance Challenge, with the school awarded a \$100,000 prize.
- The team from **Barbara and Hank Greenspun Junior High School** won top middle school honors at the VEX IQ Robotics World Championship in Texas, earning the Excellence Award.
- **K.O. Knudson Academy of the Arts'** Mariachi Los Pumas was crowned the Middle School Mariachi Group National Champion at the 30th Annual Mariachi Extravaganza in Texas.
- **Southwest Career and Technical Academy** was one of two schools representing Nevada at the national We the People competition.
- **West Career and Technical Academy's team** won the State Bar of Nevada's High School Mock Trial Competition, advancing to the national championship.
- **Six CCSD students** were winners of the Second Annual Sphere XO Student Design Challenge, with their work displayed on the Exosphere.

## SUPPORT PROFESSIONALS, TEACHERS, & ADMINISTRATORS



- **Mike Patterson** (Advanced Technologies Academy math teacher) was honored as Nevada Teacher of the Year by the Nevada Department of Education.
- **Greg Cole** (Mojave High School) was recognized as Nevada Principal of the Year by the National Association of Secondary School Principals.
- **Marissa Rasavong** (Aggie Roberts Elementary School principal) was named School Administrator of the Year by the Nevada Association of School Boards.
- **Nicole Delgado** (Northeast Career and Technical Academy) was honored as Assistant Principal of the Year by the Nevada Association of School Administrators.
- **Stephen Blanco** (Las Vegas High School mariachi director) was selected as one of 10 finalists for the 2025 Grammy Museum and Recording Academy Music Educator Award.
- **Vyron Wallace** (Foothill High School campus security monitor) was one of two school employees from Nevada nominated for the national Recognizing Inspiring School Employees (RISE) Award.
- **Cecily Warnke** was recognized by the Governor's Office of Science, Innovation, and Technology as the 2025 Southern Nevada STEM Teacher of the Year.

### CCSD Starlight Awards

Elementary Teacher of the Year --- **Monisha McPheeters**

Secondary Teacher of the Year ..... **Garrett Gross**

Support Professional of the Year -- **Jerome Weber**

Licensed Specialist of the Year --- **Joelle Azar**

Assistant Principal of the Year ..... **Timothy Wells**

Principal of the Year ..... **Pamela Lindemuth**

Central Office Administrator  
of the Year ..... **Kristin Grimm**

### CCSD New Educators of the Year

Elementary New Teacher of the Year ..... **Ana Stuff**

Secondary New Teacher of the Year ..... **Brogen Ripley**

New Licensed Specialist of the Year ..... **Daliah Kosmicki**



## DISTRICT ACCOLADES & INITIATIVES

- There were over **32,000 course enrollments** from students participating in a Dual Enrollment college credit program, about an elevenfold increase since the 2018-2019 school year.
- Over **21,000 students** enrolled in Advanced Placement courses, along with AP exam pass rates rising consistently.
- As part of CCSD's strategy to address chronic absenteeism, staff conducted about **45,000 home visits** this school year.
- Over **13,000 students had zero absences** during the 2024-2025 school year.
- More than **12,700 students** enrolled in Pre-Kindergarten.
- The **No-Cost Community Market** at the CCSD Family Support Center, in partnership with The Just One Project and Health Plan of Nevada, supports approximately 35 families monthly, delivering over **27,000 pounds** of nutritious food to CCSD homes.
- CCSD partnered with The Public Education Foundation and Spread the Word Nevada to give over **85,800 new books** to more than **40,300 students** through The Book Bus.
- **Recognize A Valued Employee (RAVE) Review Program** recognized **5,388 CCSD employees**.
- **CCSD** was recognized by the National Association of Music Merchants as one of the **Best Communities for Music Education** for the **26th consecutive year**.
- Nonprofit organizations and local municipalities have dedicated nearly **100,000 hours of volunteer work** to our schools, representing a value of over **\$9.3 million**.

## SCHOOLS

- **Roger D. Gehring Academy of Science and Technology** was honored as a National Blue Ribbon School by the U.S. Department of Education – the only Nevada school to receive this distinction.
- **Blue Diamond Elementary School** was one of two Nevada schools designated as a 2024 National Distinguished School for improving the achievement levels of disadvantaged children.
- **Del Sol Academy of the Performing Arts** won a top national award, receiving the Magnet School of America's Secondary Magnet School of Merit Award of Excellence.
- **41 CCSD magnet programs** earned top honors from Magnet Schools of America.
- **86 schools** earned a place on the CCSD Superintendent's 2024-2025 Honor Roll, receiving a 5-star rating or increasing their index scores by at least 10 points (100 possible points) on the Nevada School Performance Framework.
- **Six CCSD schools** were recognized as Governor's Designated STEM Schools; 33 CCSD schools have received this distinction to date.
- **Five CCSD schools** were awarded Purple Star designations by the Nevada Department of Education for supporting military-connected students.

## NEVADA SCHOOL PERFORMANCE FRAMEWORK (NSPF)

- **200 CCSD schools** increased index scores from 2023 to 2024 in the Nevada Department of Education's statewide accountability system.
- **80 schools** increased their star ratings.
- **Six schools** jumped two stars: **Lee Antonello, Crestwood, Lomie G. Heard, and William and Mary Scherkenbach** elementary schools; and **W. Mack Lyon and Jo Mackey Academy** middle schools.
- **James E. and A. Rae Smalley Elementary School** earned a perfect score on the NSPF and has a 5-star rating.

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