

Pocket Guide



A LITTLE BOOK ABOUT ALL OF THE BIG THINGS HAPPENING IN THE

CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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2019-2020

A seven-member Board of School Trustees establishes CCSD policy and employs the superintendent to serve as chief executive officer. Trustees are elected to four-year terms.

Regular meetings of the Board are held on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month at 5 p.m. in the Edward A. Greer Education Center, 2832 E. Flamingo Road. Work sessions are held on the first Wednesday of each month beginning at 8 a.m.

For more information about the current Board of School Trustees, visit ccsd.net/trustees or call 702-799-1072.



BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
VISION STATEMENT

ALL **STUDENTS** *progress*
in school and graduate
PREPARED *to* **SUCCEED**
AND CONTRIBUTE *in a*
diverse global society.



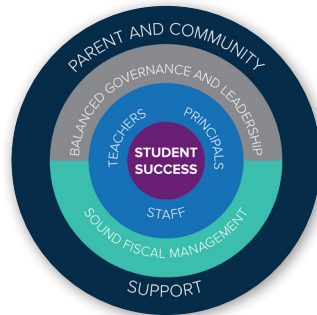


Jesus F. Jara, Ed.D.
Superintendent

#1 Para Los Niños
#1 Para Sa Magabata
#1 Cho Trè Em
#1 For Kids
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Student success is our core business. We know every child can achieve, and we can ensure every student graduates college or career ready with a focus on:

- **Instructional excellence** by providing the right supports to teachers, principals, and staff
- **Operations that support** our schools
- **Sound fiscal management**
- **Greater engagement** with parents and our community



Reaching our ambitious goals will place us among the fastest-improving districts in America, and we are already seeing progress on key initiatives.

Our children only have one shot at school. That's why we, as a community, must rise up together. I'm asking our employees, our parents, and our community to join as **one team, with one goal: to make CCSD #1 for kids**. Learn more about how you can contribute at getinvolved.ccsd.net.

Established in 1956, the Clark County School District (CCSD) is the number one choice for families and students. We educate about 320,000 students – offering **a variety of nationally recognized programs**, including Magnet Schools and Career and Technical Academies, as well as International Baccalaureate, dual credit, workforce development, and Advanced Placement courses. Through these programs – plus our online secondary school and open enrollment offerings – **we offer the best choices to meet individual student needs.** As the nation’s fifth-largest school district, and the fourth-largest rural district in the state, we have the ability to provide additional services, such as a school police department, adult education courses, and innovative community partnerships with Vegas PBS and The Public Education Foundation. CCSD educates 66 percent of the students in Nevada and **works closely with community partners and business leaders to educate the workers needed to strengthen our economy.**



SCHOOLS

The District operates **362 schools**, including CCSD-sponsored charter schools in Clark County:

- 228** Elementary Schools
- 59** Middle Schools
- 49** High Schools
- 19** Alternative Schools
- 4** Special Schools
- 6** Charter Schools

Schools may be included in a variety of designated categories, such as:

- 12** International Baccalaureate Schools
- 9** Prime 6 Schools
- 224** Title I Schools
- 23** Victory Schools
- 38** Zoom Schools

SCHOOL SUPERVISION

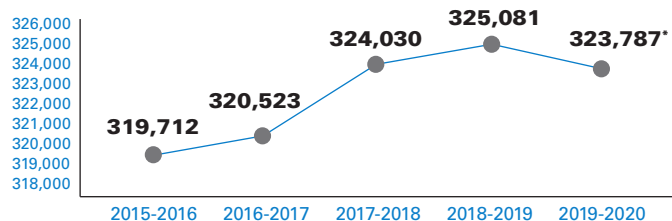
CCSD schools are organized into three geographic regions, each led by one region superintendent who is supported by two school associate superintendents. For a list of schools, including regional assignments, please visit ccsd.net/directory.

SERVING DIVERSE NEEDS

A range of programs that meet a broad spectrum of students’ educational needs are available. The current percentage of students who qualify for, or participate in, specialized programs:

- 16.1%** English Language Learners
- 12.6%** Special Education Services (provided up to age 22)

STUDENT ENROLLMENT

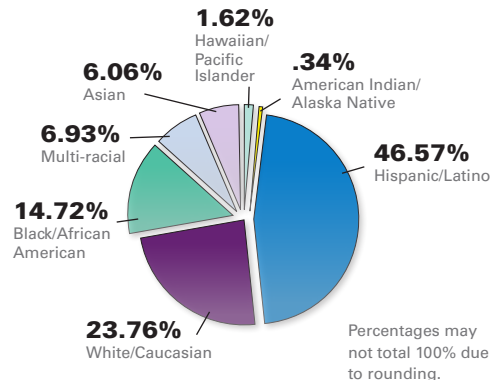


*All enrollment data based on Nevada Department of Education business rules, which includes CCSD-sponsored charter schools.

- Our students come to us from 158 different countries and speak 72 different languages.
- 67 percent of our students qualify for free and reduced-price lunch.
- In 2018-2019, 13,844 (or 4.2 percent) of CCSD's students were homeless.
- We serve students who are highly gifted yet economically disadvantaged and students who need daily educational support but who are economically stable.

2019-2020 CCSD STUDENT POPULATION

Hispanic/Latino	150,775
White/Caucasian	76,938
Black/African American	47,671
Multi-racial	22,431
Asian	19,627
Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	5,244
American Indian/Alaska Native	1,101



WE PROUDLY SERVE THIS
BEAUTIFUL TAPESTRY OF STUDENTS.

CCSD is one of the largest employers in Nevada, **employing 42,012 people**, including full-time, part-time and temporary employees, plus substitutes:

- 18,915** licensed personnel (includes teachers, counselors, speech therapists, school psychologists, etc.)
- 12,409** support professionals (includes clerical and food service staff, bus drivers, teacher aides, custodians, etc.)
- 1,344** administrators (includes principals, assistant principals, deans, central office, etc.)
- 154** school police
- 4,492** substitute teachers
- 4,698** other temporary/substitute employees

(As of January 2, 2020)



The average pay for teachers is **\$59,851 (without benefits)**.

The District contributes an average additional **\$26,257** per teacher for benefits. This amount is comprised of **\$17,507** for retirement, **\$7,344** for health insurance, **\$868** for Medicare, and **\$538** for other benefits.

The beginning salary for a teacher with a bachelor's degree and no prior teaching experience is **\$41,863**.

(As of October 30, 2019 Amended Final Budget)

CCSD'S FINAL GRADUATION RATE FOR THE CLASS OF 2019 WAS A RECORD HIGH 85.8%, WITH OUR LARGEST CLASS EVER OF 21,688 GRADUATES.

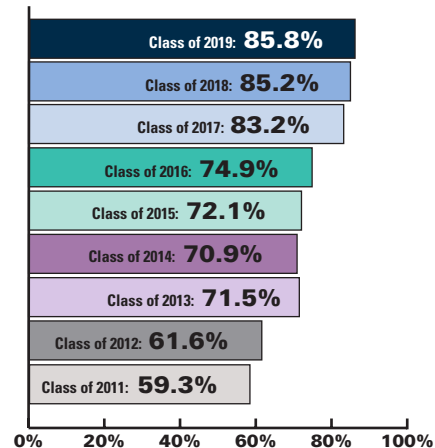
THE CLASS OF 2019 FEATURED:

- 271** Valedictorians
- 42** Salutatorians
- 780** Advanced Placement (AP) Scholars
- 242** AP Scholars with Honors
- 458** AP Scholars with Distinction
- 100** National AP Scholars
- 4** International AP Scholars
- 55** AP Capstone Diplomas
- 9** AP Seminar and Research Certificates

\$349+ million earned by merit/aid scholarship award recipients and Millennium Scholars

GRADUATION RATE

FOR THE GRADUATING CLASSES OF 2011 THROUGH 2019, THE GRADUATION RATE INCREASED 26 PERCENTAGE POINTS.





CCSD has the largest fine arts program in the country and has been named a **Best Community for Music Education** for the 20th year in a row.

Advanced Technologies Academy (A-TECH) and Charles and Phyllis Frias Elementary School have been named **National Blue Ribbon Schools** in the Exemplary High Performing Schools Category by the U.S. Department of Education (DOE). Only three schools in Nevada were selected for this national honor this year.

Nine CCSD schools have been certified as **Governor's Designated STEM Schools**, denoting that the school meets the highest standards of STEM instruction and is a model for schools around the state.



Walter Bracken STEAM Academy and Roger D. Gehring Academy of Science and Technology have been named **National Title I Distinguished Schools** by the National Title I Association. Out of 62 schools throughout the U.S., they are the only schools in Nevada to receive national recognition for exceptional student achievement in 2018.

A total of **55 CCSD high school students** were selected as **semi-finalists in the 2019 National Merit Scholarship Program** and competed for National Merit Scholarships worth more than \$31 million. Fewer than 1 percent of U.S. high school seniors receive this honor.

In 2018-2019, **three CCSD students** were part of the **55th 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.





44 5-Star Schools



54 4-Star Schools

The results are in and CCSD celebrates the 98 schools that attained a 4-Star or 5-Star rating in the 2019 Nevada School Performance Framework (NSPF), despite more rigorous standards. The NSPF is a measurement tool that assigns points relative to specific levels of achievement, growth, English language proficiency, and school climate, with an overall scoring and rating system.

“CCSD remains committed to having all schools be three stars or higher by 2024. The District’s five-year strategic plan, Focus: 2024, works to ensure equity and access to a rich and rigorous education for all students. We are celebrating our achievements, and will continue to support our classroom teachers and principals to reach our goals and continue to put kids first.”

Jesus F. Jara, Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools



Dr. Jara recognized 63 Clark County schools, including two CCSD-sponsored charter schools, as part of the 2019-2020 Superintendent’s Honor Roll. The list of distinguished schools includes 5 Star, Gold Star, and National Blue Ribbon Schools.

We congratulate the leadership and staff at these schools for their accomplishments in receiving this special honor.

CCSD HAS THE NUMBER **1** MAGNET



SCHOOL IN THE COUNTRY!

CCSD has one of the top Magnet programs in the country, with two National Demonstration Schools that are “best in the nation,” and 36 Magnet Schools of America awards this year.

Advanced Technologies Academy was ranked the Best High School in Nevada and #120 in the nation by U.S. News and World Report.

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. in the 2017-2018 school year.

Gordon McCaw STEAM Academy was awarded the New and Emerging Magnet School of Excellence award for 2017-2018.

CCSD’s Magnet, Career and Technical Academies, and Select Schools offer learning opportunities in **over 100 programs of study** that improve student achievement, promote diversity, and create an awareness of career opportunities. For more information, visit magnet.ccsd.net.

CCSD received a \$15 million national grant to create three new STEM magnet programs for the 2018-2019 school year.

CCSD offers Magnet and Select School programs at:

- **11 elementary schools**
- **12 middle schools**
- **22 high schools**

IN THE 2020-21 SCHOOL YEAR, KINDERGARTEN WILL BE ADDED AS PART OF CCSD’S MAGNET PROGRAM!

17
Schools of Excellence Awards

19
Schools of Distinction Awards

12
Nationally Certified
Magnet Schools

CCSD was named the National Advanced Placement (AP) District of the Year by the College Board in 2015. CCSD has continued to see gains in both participation and AP scores:

- Over the last seven years, CCSD students **increased AP participation**, more than doubling the number of students taking AP exams, with 51.3 percent of the 24,064 exams earning a qualifying score of 3, 4, or 5 indicating college readiness.
- The District also **increased pass rates** among six of its student groups in 2019.
- **More than 13,970 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 \$6,035,472 in potential tuition savings for students in CCSD and a return on investment for our community.
- **Six high schools currently participate in the AP Capstone Program**, a rigorous two-year program, with three additional schools joining in 2019-2020.



- Last year, there were **67,663 enrollments in 251 Career and Technical Education (CTE) courses** districtwide.
- Seventy-five percent of students enrolled in CTE courses are in comprehensive high schools.
- Over two-thirds of CTE students are enrolled in a **STEM-related CTE program**.
- **More than 400 business partners** support CCSD schools, ranging from career fairs to job internships and work-based experiences.



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.

The NAEP Trial Urban District Assessment allows CCSD to compare itself to 26 other urban school districts that serve similar student populations.

The 2019 results showed that CCSD’s performance is comparable to or exceeds:

76.9% of large city school districts in fourth-grade math;

69.2% of large city school districts in eighth-grade math;

80.8% of large city school districts in fourth-grade reading; and

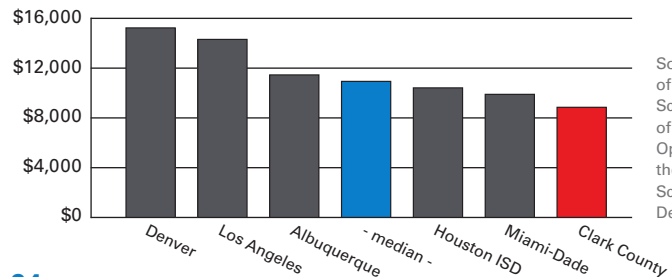
84.6% of large city school districts in eighth-grade reading.

THE NEVADA PLAN AND THE DSA

Funding for Nevada school districts is determined largely by the state through a funding program known as the Nevada Plan. School districts receive a specific amount of per-pupil funding from the State known as the Distributive School Account (DSA).

Basic per-pupil state funding is at **\$6,067** for CCSD. Adding local revenue sources to state funding brings the total per-pupil expenditures to **\$9,594**.

EXPENDITURES PER STUDENT COMPARED TO OTHER LARGE URBAN SCHOOL DISTRICTS



Source: Council of the Great City Schools Review of the Business Operations of the Clark County School District, December 2018

Nevada's K-12 public schools are currently funded pursuant to the Nevada Plan. Created in 1967, the Nevada Plan has generally served the state well; however, concerns relative to transparency, ease of application, and legacy assumptions have prompted a need to modernize the current funding formula. Most notably, this includes recognition that the cost to prepare students for college or a career are not uniform, and the state's education funding formula should be student-centered.

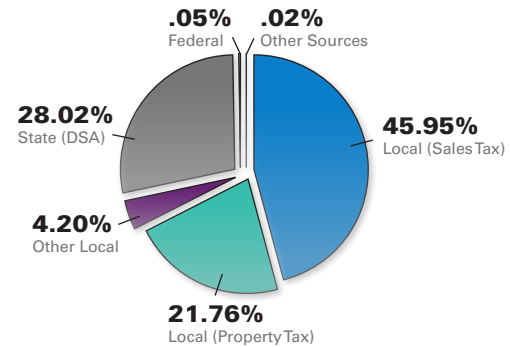
During the 2019 Legislative Session, **policymakers passed SB543, replacing the Nevada Plan with the Pupil-Centered Funding Plan.** The guiding principles of this legislation include transparency, student-centered, geographic diversity, a hold harmless provision, and that the formula is classroom focused.

CCSD is funded through a combination of local, state, federal, and other sources. CCSD uses fund accounting to ensure and to demonstrate compliance with government accounting and legal requirements.

The General Fund combined with the Special Education Fund is known as the General Operating Fund. Although they are required to be reported separately for external purposes, they are generally combined for budgeting and funding purposes.

For more information, please visit openbook.ccsd.net.

CCSD monitors compliance for more than **\$365 million in grant funding** for the 2019-2020 school year in support of approximately **125 grants**. The funding represents local, state, federal, and foundation grant awards generated through the efforts of CCSD teachers and District leaders in collaboration with numerous community partners.



GENERAL OPERATING FUND
(includes Special Education Fund)

FY 2020 Final Budget Revenues

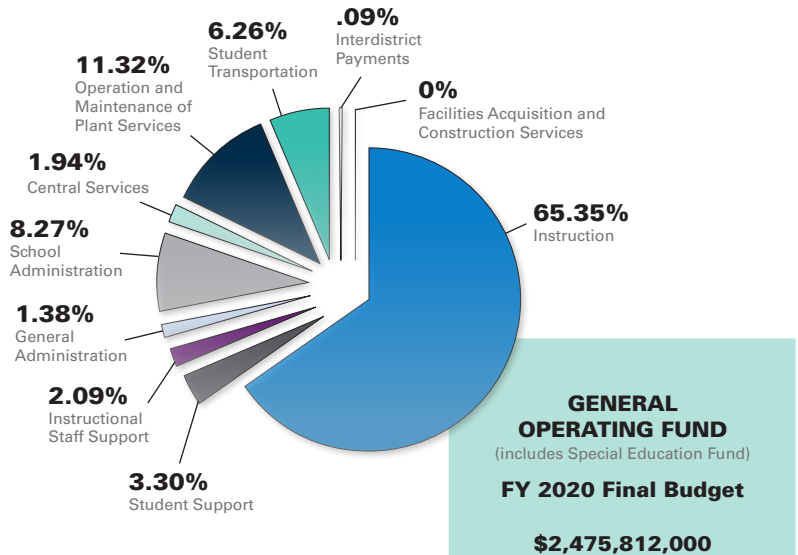
\$2,395,063,000

Percentages in the charts above may not total 100% due to rounding

REVENUES (dollars in thousands)	FY 2020 ¹	FY 2019 ²	FY 2018 ²
Local Sources	\$ 1,722,425	1,654,706	1,566,405
State Sources	671,033	698,758	757,945
Federal Sources	1,191	1,463	1,437
Other Sources	414	885	1,242
TOTAL REVENUES	\$ 2,395,063	2,355,811	2,327,028

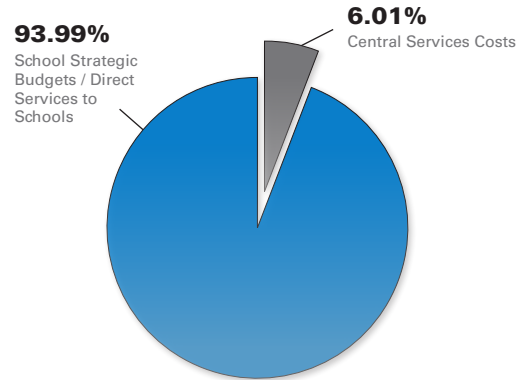
(As of 2020 Final Budget)

¹Final Budget ²Actuals



BREAKDOWN OF \$1.590 BILLION UNRESTRICTED FUNDING

The District's Fiscal Year 2020 Final Budget is \$2.529 billion, of which \$1.590 billion is unrestricted funding and \$939 million is restricted funding, including \$30 million for bus and vehicle purchases, \$53 million for the District's Ending Fund Balance, \$358 million for NRS 388G.610, responsibilities of local school precinct, and \$498 million for Special Education.



93.99 PERCENT OF UNRESTRICTED FUNDING DIRECTLY SERVICES SCHOOLS

A bond or credit rating is a rating given to the debt obligations of the District as assigned by nationally recognized statistical rating organizations. The letter designation represents the quality of the bonds; the higher the rating, the less risk a potential investor assumes. The benefits of having a strong bond rating are lower interest costs when issuing bonds since investors oftentimes base part of their decision to buy bonds on the credit rating of the debt. Currently, the District has the following ratings with Moody's Investor Services (Moody's) and Standard & Poor's (S&P) as of September 2019.



The 2015 Nevada Legislature authorized funding to extend the Clark County School District's Capital Improvement Program (CIP) to construct new schools, replace aging schools, and provide renovations and modernizations at certain schools. It is estimated that the bond program will provide \$4.1 billion in funds over a 10-year period.

As of October 2019, the District has opened 13 new elementary schools, 4 replacement schools, and 27 classroom additions, adding more than 21,000 new seats for capacity.

The CIP will be adjusted annually to respond to enrollment growth, legislative mandates, aging facility needs, and community input.

For more information, please visit cip.ccsd.net.



The Clark County School District encompasses all of Clark County, which covers **7,910 square miles**. It includes the metropolitan Las Vegas area and all outlying communities and rural areas.

- **1,824** buses
- **132,953** eligible bus riders
- **34,247** total bus stops
- **11,957** children receive specialized curb-to-curb service

More than 23 million miles were traveled in the 2018-19 school year.

During the 2018-19 school year, over **45 million meals** were served to students.

Throughout the school year, the average daily meal counts are:

- **Breakfast – 93,746**
- **Lunch – 169,095**
- **Supper – 4,533**

FREE AND REDUCED-PRICE LUNCH

For the 2019-20 school year, 67% of CCSD's students qualified for the federal National School Lunch Program (as of October 31, 2019).

SUMMER FEEDING PROGRAM

The Food Service Department participates in the summer feeding program, and has exceeded last year's meals served by providing 337,234 breakfast and lunch meals to children ages 2-18. Last year, the Food Service Department served approximately 302,312 meals.

Every parent wants the best for their children. With parents and families providing the primary educational environment, students thrive when there is a partnership between home and school.

CCSD's Family and Community Engagement Services (FACES)

Department works to ensure that all parents, families, and community members have access to the tools, resources, and academic supports needed to foster and reinforce their children's learning and well-being.



FAMILY AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT SERVICES

107,200 FAMILY MEMBERS WERE REACHED BY FACES INITIATIVES DURING THE 2018-2019 SCHOOL YEAR

UNIVERSITY OF FAMILY LEARNING

The University of Family Learning invites adult family members to access valuable educational, networking, and leadership opportunities that will increase both family and student success.



Over 100 workshops are available to parents and families at school sites and community locations in the daytime, evening, weekend, and online. Learning opportunities are available in the areas of Parents as Teaching Partners; Navigating the School System; Involvement, Leadership, and Advocacy; and Promoting Wellness & Development.

For more information, visit faces.ccsd.net.

The School-Community Partnership Program recruits and retains community partners who enrich the scholastic experience by supporting increased student engagement and achievement.

2018-2019 School-Community Partnership Program Highlights

- **34,677** Volunteer Opportunities
- **321,804** Volunteer Hours
- **1,769,095** Student Experiences
- **\$3,470,264** Cash Donations
- **\$60,120,233** Value of Programs and In-kind Donations

TOTAL ADDED VALUE TO SCHOOLS:
\$63,590,496!

BE A MENTOR

Volunteer mentors offer support and guidance to students, encouraging them and promoting future education and career focus.

ADOPT A SCHOOL

The Focus School Project matches all CCSD schools one-on-one with businesses, organizations, agencies, and individuals to bring needed resources to our students.

SHARE YOUR STORY WITH STUDENTS

In CCSD's Professionals and Youth Building a Commitment (PAYBAC) program, volunteers share with middle school students the message to continue their education, set goals, and plan for the future.

DONATE SUPPLIES FOR SCHOOLS

Through the Support-a-School initiative, individuals and businesses can support specific schools by donating requested items to these campuses and students who need them.

To volunteer or learn other ways to help, contact the School-Community Partnership Program at 702-799-6560 or visit getinvolved.ccsd.net.



Adult Education	702-799-8650
Career and Technical Education	702-799-8462
FACES (parent resources)	702-799-0303
Food Service	702-799-8123
Magnet/CTA Schools	702-799-8492
School-Community Partnership Program.....	702-799-6560
School Police Dispatch (crime reporting)	702-799-5411
Transportation	702-799-8100
Zoning	702-799-6430



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