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CCSD receives state grant for driver's education curriculum ***Three-year grant designed to improve the quality of instruction for students***

LAS VEGAS – The Clark County School District (CCSD) was recently awarded a three-year grant from the Nevada Department of Public Safety's Office of Traffic Safety to create a standardized driver education curriculum for implementation in all 17 school districts in Nevada.

The first year funding of \$52,000 was received by the district and the remaining two years of funding will be awarded at a later date. Once developed, this statewide driver education curriculum will be implemented within certification course(s) that can be applied toward an endorsement to teach driver education. The goal of the CCSD Traffic Safety Grant is to increase the quality of driver education through a standardized curriculum and to ensure that certified, well-trained teachers are available to teach these classes.

"Driving is a complex task and takes time to learn. Locally, CCSD high schools have enrolled more than 13,000 students in driver education during the 2008-09 school year," said Dr. Brenda Larsen-Mitchell, executive director of curriculum and instruction. "The role of the driver educator is not limited to just pre-licensing efforts but also includes lifetime learning components. The Traffic Safety Grant is an excellent opportunity not only for Clark County, but all of Nevada."

The benefits of the grant funds have already started to pay off as the district has already implemented an online teacher certification course. Additional workshops and materials will also be provided to teachers to assist in improving the quality of instruction they provide students.

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