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April 2015

District A

**IMPORTANT DATES  
FOR THE 2014-2015 SCHOOL YEAR**

05/25/15...Memorial Day Holiday (no school)

For a complete listing access:  
<http://www.ccsd.net/district/calendar/>

**REGULAR BOARD MEETINGS:**

Thursday, April 9, 2015, 4:00 p.m.  
Thursday, April 23, 2015, 4:00 p.m.  
Thursday, May 14, 2015, 4:00 p.m.  
Thursday, May 28, 2015, 4:00 p.m.

Board meetings are held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month, unless otherwise noted:

Edward A. Greer Education Center, Board Room  
2832 E. Flamingo Road, Las Vegas, NV 89121  
Access the District's website: [CCSD Board Meetings](#)

**BOARD WORK SESSIONS**

Wednesday, May 6, 2015, 8:00 a.m.

Edward A. Greer Education Center, Board Room  
2832 E. Flamingo Road, Las Vegas, NV 89121

**SPECIAL BOARD MEETING**

Board Retreat  
Friday, May 15, 2015, 8:30 a.m.  
Location TBD

Adoption of Final Budget  
Wednesday, May 20, 2015, 5:30 p.m.  
Edward A Greer Education Center, Board Room  
2832 E. Flamingo Road, Las Vegas, NV 89121

**DISTRICT A COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT (ACE)  
MEETINGS**

Tuesday, April 14, 2015  
10:00 a.m.

Tuesday, May 12, 2015  
10:00 a.m.

2015 ACE meetings will be held at:  
Coronado HS, Room 200  
1001 Coronado Center Drive  
Henderson, NV 89123

**Open Enrollment**

CCSD has a strong belief that when students and their parents/guardians have choices with regard to the selection of a school, they will be more engaged and ultimately students will be more successful. While the vast majority of CCSD families are satisfied with their neighborhood schools, some families believe that a different school may more readily match the needs of their students.

Open Enrollment provides parents of CCSD students with another choice. Schools with available seats will be advertised for the purpose of allowing parents/guardians of students who do not reside in the attendance zones to express interest in enrolling their children there. However, Transportation is not provided for students selected to attend schools through CCSD's Open Enrollment.

In April of each year, a list of all schools with the number of available seats for the coming school year will be posted below. The Open Enrollment Interest Forms will be active below from mid-April until Monday, August 17, before the start of the new school year. Public computers, with Internet access, are provided at all CCSD schools, and at public libraries throughout the community.

Once the application has been submitted and processed, the parent/guardian will receive a reply at the email address provided. If the application is valid, the parents/guardian will receive an acceptance letter. Open Enrollment will be granted on a first come, first served basis; therefore, they must register the children at the school as soon as possible in order to secure their enrollment. Once a school has enrolled the allotted number of Open Enrollment seats, the school will no longer accept Open Enrollment applications.

Questions regarding open enrollment may also be sent to [OpenEnroll@interact.ccsd.net](mailto:OpenEnroll@interact.ccsd.net) or call 702-799-6430  
[Open Enrollment FAQ](#)

**End-Of-Course Assessments**

The Nevada State Board of Education establishes the testing requirements for statewide achievement testing. Beginning in spring 2015, the statewide achievement test for English Language Arts (ELA) and mathematics are the End-of-Course (EOC) exams for grades 9-12. The EOC exams include tests for students enrolled in courses aligned to the first two English credits required for high school graduation and the first two mathematics credits required for high school graduation. The English 9 course, or its equivalent, shall include the CCSD EOC ELA I exam in the same semester that the one-credit course is completed. The English 10 course, or its equivalent, shall include the CCSD EOC ELA II exam in the same semester that the one-credit course is completed. The Nevada Academic Content Standards (NVACS) identifies the content that shall be covered in Algebra I and Geometry courses. The Algebra I course, or its equivalent, shall include the CCSD EOC Math I test in the same semester that the one-credit course is completed. The Geometry course, or its equivalent, shall include the CCSD EOC Math II exam in the same semester that the one credit course is completed. Most students in grades 9-10 will typically take two EOC tests each year – one ELA exam and one math exam. However, there is no requirement that they take two EOC exams per year. Students will participate in EOC testing based on their course enrollment.

These four exams will be administered in a paper and pencil format during this time of transition. The classes of 2017 and 2018 (9th and 10th grade students) will simply need to participate in the exams, as no passing scores are required. The Class of 2019 (current 8th grade students) will be the first class of students required to receive a passing score on the EOCs, which will be set by the State Board of Education.

Your Trustee,  
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## Useful Links

### 2014-2015 Nevada High School Proficiency Testing Dates and New High School Graduation Requirements

The new high school graduation requirements as well as the 2014 -15 Nevada High School Proficiency testing dates are available online.

<http://static.ccsd.net/ccsd/content/ccsd-press/pdf/graduation-pamphlet-2014-2015.pdf>

### Nevada Department of Education Proficiency Exam Information

[http://www.doe.nv.gov/APAC\\_Assessment\\_High\\_School\\_Proficiency/](http://www.doe.nv.gov/APAC_Assessment_High_School_Proficiency/)

### Report a Bully

<http://ccsd.net/students/bully/>

### It's Your Choice

Apply to Select Schools

<http://itsyourchoice.ccsd.net/select-schools/>

### Infinite Campus

<http://ccsd.net/parents/infinite-campus.php>

### Regional Professional Development Program (RPDP)

Math Resources are available online.

<http://rpdp.net/>

### freeMATHHELP

<http://www.freemathhelp.com/algebra-help.html>

### Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium (SBAC)

<http://www.smarterbalanced.org/>

### Child's Immunization Records

[http://health.nv.gov/immunization\\_WebIZ\\_Info.htm](http://health.nv.gov/immunization_WebIZ_Info.htm)

### Legislative Email Updates

<http://ccsd.net/departments/government-affairs/legislative-updates>

### Student Graduation Schedule 2015

<http://ccsd.net/students/graduation-schedule/>

### Homework Hotline

<http://www.vegaspbs.org/homework-hotline/>

### Millennium Scholarship, Prepaid Tuition Program and More

<http://www.nevadatreasurer.gov>

### CCSD TV

<http://tv.ccsd.net/>

### School Board Meetings

<http://ccsd.net/trustees/meeting-agendas/>

## Magnet School Transportation Service Revamped to Suit Program Expansion

Changes in transportation services for Magnet school programs are coming in the 2015-16 school year. The lure of focused learning has thousands of students vying for an available spot.

The changes will allow CCSD to provide transportation for students even as Magnet program offerings expand. CCSD is adding an additional 2,740 seats across seven schools: McCaw STEAM Academy, Clarence Piggott Elementary School, Kenny C. Guinn Middle School STEM Academy, Walter Johnson Junior High School Academy of International Studies, Thurman White Academy of the Performing Arts, Del Sol Academy of the Performing Arts and Eldorado High School STEM Academy. Four new Magnet programs will also be added in the 2016-17 school year.

Additionally, thanks to great parent suggestions, CCSD was able to create a new pick-up/drop-off system for secondary students beginning in the 2015-16 school year. Parents have the choice of where they want to drop their student off within their transportation zone and will also have the option to select a high school campus within the transportation zone that is more convenient for them than the school that might be geographically closest to their residence.

For more information, visit

<http://itsyourchoice.ccsd.net/select-schools/> or call (702) 799-8492.

## 500 CCSD Students to Visit Art/Photography and Science Exhibit

Hundreds of CCSD students will be visiting an art/photography/science exhibit at a Las Vegas public library through early May. The "While I am Still" exhibit brings the STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math) experience to students.

Artist/photographer Linda Alterwitz is sharing her work and expertise with students through field experiences during her exhibition at The Studio in the Sahara West Library. About 500 art and science students from grades five through 12 will tour the studio during the exhibit's run. For more information on the field trips, call Cheryl Wagner at (702) 799-6560. To learn more about Linda Alterwitz, visit [www.lindaalterwitz.com](http://www.lindaalterwitz.com).

## Trustee Parent/Constituent Meetings for April 2015

### Trustee Edwards, District F

Wednesday, April 8, 1:30 p.m.

Tony Alamo Elementary School, Library

### Trustee Wright, District A

Tuesday, April 14, 10 a.m.

Coronado High School, Cougar Cafe

### Trustee Young, District C

Wednesday, April 15, 9:00 a.m.

Red Rock Elementary School, Library

### Trustee Tew, District E

Tuesday, April 21, 9:30 a.m.

Molasky Middle School, Library

[Click here](#) to see the Trustees Activities Calendar.

## New year-round schools named to ease overcrowding

CCSD Superintendent Pat Skorkowsky announced today that 11 additional elementary schools will convert to a year-round calendar in the 2015-16 school year to ease overcrowding. They will join 13 other elementary schools that have already converted to a year-round calendar over the last two years.

The following elementary schools will be converting to a year-round schedule in the 2015-16 school year:

- Will Beckley Elementary School
- Manuel J. Cortez Elementary School
- Ruben P. Diaz Elementary School
- Helen Herr Elementary School
- Steve Schorr Elementary School
- Wayne N. Tanaka Elementary School
- Jim Thorpe Elementary School
- Harriet Treem Elementary School
- Neil C. Twitchell Elementary School
- John Vanderburg Elementary School
- Shirley and Bill Wallin Elementary School

## Nevada Reading Week

The CCSD celebrated Nevada Reading Week with a wide variety of activities at schools throughout the valley. Among these activities were book readings by members of the Board of School Trustees, the superintendent, and local celebrities at CCSD schools for Nevada Reading Week, March 2-6. Watch [this video](#) to see some of the highlights.