



NEVADA COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT



Preparing Learners Today for Tomorrow

Nevada CSD - School Improvement Advisory Committee

Date: December 8th, 2025

Time: 7:00-8:15pm

Location: Gates Hall Auditorium

**A regular meeting of the Nevada CSD School Improvement Advisory Committee is scheduled for Monday, December 8th, at 7:00 pm, in the Gates Hall Auditorium*

AGENDA:

1: Welcome/Introductions

- **NCSD School Board:** Tori Carsrud and Emily Schaack (parent)
- **NCSD Faculty/Staff:** Kristian Einsweiler (parent), Tyler Struk (parent), Katie Thompson (parent), Alycia Edson (parent), and Kody Asmus
- **NCSD Parents/Guardians:** Kourtney Vier, Lyndsey DeVos, Jennifer Cornelius (parent), Rebecca Brandau, Kimberly Houston, Adrienne Shirclif, and Lisa Rodgers
- **NHS Students:** Cedar Smith, Jack Spence, Jaden Grimm, and Giada Colbeck

2: Purpose of the School Improvement Advisory Committee (SIAC)

-(Per Iowa Code 280.12) -- *To serve in an advisory role and make recommendations to the board of directors regarding:*

- Major educational needs
- Student learning goals
- Long-range and annual improvement goals that include, but are not limited to, the state indicators that address reading, mathematics, and science achievement.
- Desired levels of student performance.
- Progress toward meeting the goals
- Harassment or bullying prevention goals, programs, training, and other initiatives.
- Infusing character education into the educational program

3: Building and Student Updates

- **Central Elementary:**
 - CKH Mid-Year Survey completed
 - Currently leveling students in reading

- Working to implement math interventions (launching in February after Winter FAST testing)
- **Nevada Middle School:**
 - SMART goals established for each curriculum team.
 - 7th Grade *Eutopia Night* and 8th Grade *History Day* (coming up)
 - Art murals completed and holiday concerts upcoming
 - CKH Mid-Year Survey completed
 - Highlighted changes in TLC positions, specifically the Grade-Level Behavior Strategist role – showing a *significant reduction in referrals* this year compared to past years
- **Nevada High School:**
 - Xello / Cub Connections and 4-year planning underway
 - Career & Job Fair - 12/10
 - MTSS focus on Tier 2 instruction
 - Early planning for the 2026–27 school year (scheduling, programming, etc.)
- **Nevada High School Students:**
 - State Championship in Football
 - Winter activities in full swing – including the new Bowling program, which has gone well
 - State Dance and Color Guard was last week in DSM
 - Spring musical auditions underway for *The Little Mermaid*
 - Student achievements in All-State Band and Choir

4: Cell Phone Policy [Update](#) - Nevada High School

- Dr. Einsweiler, Mr. Struck, and NHS students shared feedback on the impact of the new cell phone policy.
- Students reported improvements in focus and the overall learning environment.
- Administration noted positive changes in classroom engagement and behavior.
- Data was presented showing positive outcomes that support the policy change.
- Overall discussion reflected strong support for continuing the updated cell phone policy.

5: [2024-25 NCSD Equity Report](#) and Discussion

- **Group #1: Student Data (pages 3-6)**
 - *Attendance Center Enrollments*
 - *Trends in Elementary, MS, and HS enrollment*
 - *Reviewed current enrollment trends across Elementary, Middle School, and High School*
 - *Resident student numbers are decreasing, which is affecting overall enrollment*
 - *Discussed contributing factors to the decline; multiple variables are influencing the trend.*
 - *Noted that this is not unique to Nevada CSD—many districts across the state, particularly in Central Iowa (80%+), are experiencing enrollment decreases.*
 - *Open Enrollment Out and In*
 - *Reviewed the difference between Open Enrollment In vs. Open Enrollment Out*

- A question was raised regarding whether the district collects data on why families open enroll out of Nevada CSD or into it
 - Administration will look into what data is available and how it can be collected moving forward.
- Student Services (Sped, 504, TAG, ELL, and Bilingual)
 - Discussed trends in the ELL and At-Risk populations
 - Continued focus on identifying ways to better support students and families in these groups.
- Suspension + Homeless Children
 - **Question:** What is the actual definition of Homeless in Iowa?
 - Per the Iowa DOE: A homeless child or youth is a student (typically ages 3–21) who lacks a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence - This includes situations such as:
 - Sharing housing with others due to loss of housing, economic hardship, or similar reasons (often called “doubled up”)
 - Living in motels, hotels, trailer parks, or camping grounds because there are no other adequate accommodations
 - Living in emergency or transitional shelters
 - Having a primary nighttime residence that is a public or private place not designed or ordinarily used as housing for people
 - Living in cars, parks, public spaces, abandoned buildings, substandard housing, bus or train stations, or similar settings
 - Migratory children/youth experiencing the above situations may also be considered homeless
 - Under this definition, homelessness doesn’t only mean living on the street or in shelters — “doubled up” arrangements due to loss of housing or economic hardship are included.
- **Group #2: Curriculum Data (pages 8-15)**
 - CTE Courses - Ag, Industrial, Marketing, FCS, Health Occ, and Business Education (A-F)
 - A wide range of options and pathways are available for students
 - Noted that only one ELL student is currently enrolled in Agriculture courses
 - Low number of male students enrolled in FCS and Health Occupations.
 - Low number of female students enrolled in Industrial Education and Business Education.
 - Electives + Core - PE, Math, Science, Music, Foreign Language, and Advanced Placement (G-M)
 - Identified gaps in Algebra IA and IB, particularly among students with high FRL rates
 - Noted low enrollment in courses beyond basic graduation requirements

6: [2024-25 Bullying and Harassment Data](#) and Discussion – tabled to March Meeting

7: Other

8: Identify Topics of Interest for the 2025-26 SIAC Committee

- [2024-25 Bullying and Harassment Data](#) (March)
- Nevada CSD LAU Plan (March)

- Nevada CSD Career Ready Iowa Plan (March)
- NCSD Fall / Winter FAST Data (March)
- NCSD 2025-26 Title I, IIA, and IVA Service Plan (June)
- 2025-26 Student Achievement Data (June)
- 2026-27 NCSD Student Achievement Goals (June)

9: Future Meeting Dates (7:00 - 8:15pm)

- March 4th, 2026 (Wednesday) -- Gates Hall Auditorium
- June 17th, 2026 (Wednesday) -- Gates Hall Auditorium

LAUNCH:

"The secret of success is to do the common thing uncommonly well." — John D. Rockefeller Jr.

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