

The Washoe County School District includes the Reno/Sparks metropolitan area, Incline Village, Gerlach, Empire and Wadsworth.

There are 64 elementary schools, a special education school, 16 middle schools and 12 comprehensive high schools plus Truckee Meadows Community College High School (a magnet school), Washoe High School (an alternative school) and the Academy of Arts, Careers & Technology.

Of the elementary schools, 11 are on a multi-track, year-round schedule and 13 operate on a single-track, year-round schedule.

STUDENT ENROLLMENT

Elementary Schools33,665
Middle Schools10,791
High Schools18,854
TOTAL63,310

DISTRICT GROWTH

1999 Enrollment.....52,562
2005 Enrollment.....62,098
2006 Enrollment.....62,390
2007 Enrollment.....63,046
2008 Enrollment.....63,635
2009 Enrollment63,310

ETHNIC BREAKDOWN

American Indian/
Alaskan Native 2.5%
Asian/Pacific Islander 6.5%
Black, not Hispanic 3.8%
Hispanic 33.4%
Total Minorities46.2%
White, not Hispanic 53.8%

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION RATES

The graduation rate for the Class of 2008, using the formula mandated by the Nevada Department of Education, was 77%, higher than the state rate of 67.4%.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

Nevada High School Proficiency Examination.
Percentage of 2008 Graduating Class passing exam:

Reading99.4%
Writing 98.8%
Math95.1%

ACT. *Composite scores include English, math, reading and science.*
2008 Graduating Class Tested... 34.2%
WCSD..... 22.0
State of Nevada 21.3
National..... 21.1

SAT. *Reasoning test.*

2008 Graduating Class Tested...41.2%
Critical Reading Math Writing
WCSD 514 520 493
Nevada 498 506 478
National 502 515 494

National Merit Semi-finalists.
22% of the state's semi-finalists (October 2008) came from the WCSD.
State of Nevada 85
WCSD..... 26

Millennium Scholarship.
Given to students in the Graduating Class of 2008 with a weighted GPA of 3.0 and higher.

Eligible Graduates.....45.0%
Accepted the Scholarship.....74.0%
Average GPA of those who accepted the Scholarship.....3.91

ITBS/ITED* 2007-08 Testing Scores. *These results are Percentile Rank of Average Standard Scores: National Student Norms. The national average is 50.*

* Iowa Test of Basic Skills/Iowa Test of Educational Development.

	Reading	Language	Math	Science
WCSD Grade 4	52.3	51.7	57.6	58.6
Nevada Grade 4	48.8	51.6	55.2	53.3
WCSD Grade 7	43.4	40.9	46.5	51.3
Nevada Grade 7	38.5	39.7	41.6	42.3
WCSD Grade 10	48.4	44.4	45.9	50.0
Nevada Grade 10	41.1	40.0	38.2	40.1

Nevada CRT* 2007-08 Scores. *These results are percentages of students proficient or above. A student is proficient when s/he scores a 300 on a 500-point scale.*

* Criterion Referenced Test.

	Reading	Math	Science
WCSD Grade 3	57.8%	58.8%	n/a ∞
Nevada Grade 3	58.6%	60.0%	n/a ∞
WCSD Grade 5	49.0%	60.9%	54.8%
Nevada Grade 5	46.6%	61.6%	52.8%
WCSD Grade 8	58.0%	56.0%	64.6%
Nevada Grade 8	54.1%	52.3%	58.4%

∞ *Third graders are not administered a science test.*

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

To be awarded a standard high school diploma, a student must earn a total of 22-1/2 credits and receive a passing score on the Nevada Proficiency Exams. Currently, 16 credits are required and 6-1/2 are electives. The required courses are as follows:

	Required	Gateway*
English/Lang. Arts	4 credits	same
Mathematics	3 credits	4 credits
Science	2 credits	3 credits
P. E. or JROTC	2 credits	same
World History	1 credit	same
American History	1 credit	same
U.S. Government	1 credit	same
Arts/Humanities	1 credit	same
Computer Literacy	1/2 credit	same
Health or JROTC	1/2 credit	same

* Seniors are also required to attend six periods each day.

EMPLOYEES

Certified.....4,177
ESPs*2,841
Administrators.....363
School Police37
TOTAL7,418
Substitute Teachers1,313

* Education Support Professionals (formerly "Classified")

ABOUT OUR TEACHERS

Master's Degree and above2,263
Teachers and Counselors with National Board Certification188
Teaching within area of license 99.8%
10+ years teaching experience *1,584

* Within the Washoe County School District

HONORS PROGRAM/ADVANCED PLACEMENT/INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE

Most high schools offer an Honors Program and Advanced Placement (AP) courses that provide an academically challenging curriculum for college preparation and in some instances college credit. Wooster High School offers the rigorous and comprehensive International Baccalaureate (IB) Program. Truckee Meadows Community College High School is for juniors and seniors who take required high school classes and can choose from hundreds of TMCC college classes for college credit.

WCSD is one of the largest school districts in the U.S. mandating that all students enrolled in Advanced Placement courses take the exams for those courses. In WCSD, the participating high schools offer a total of 20 different AP subjects.

During the 2007-2008 school year, 4,192 AP exams were administered in WCSD and 225 seniors were designated AP Scholars. At Wooster High School 115 students took IB classes, 269 IB exams were administered and 24 seniors earned IB Diplomas.

PARENT INVOLVEMENT & VOLUNTEERING

Parents and guardians are encouraged to be actively involved in their child's education at all grade levels. Parents play a vital role in the education team in the following ways: as school volunteers; members of a parent/teacher organization or booster club; representatives on shared decision-making and advisory committees; and participants in school activities and events. Extended family members and individuals from our community are also encouraged to volunteer in schools.

For information on parent involvement, call **353-5533** or visit **washoe.k12.nv.us/parents**. For information on volunteering, visit **washoe.k12.nv.us/community/volunteering** or call **851-5655**.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

The Education Alliance (EA) is a nonprofit organization funded by WCSD, grants and donations. The EA focuses on K-16 programs and targeted fundraising that support academic achievement, community partnerships and workforce development providing a link between schools and the community through the following programs: Advocacy, School to Careers, Parent Information and Resource Center, Focus on Literacy, From Crayons to Computers Warehouse, smarthinking.com and Partners in Education. Visit www.ed-alliance.org or call 353-5533 for information on how you or your business can be involved

BUDGET

The general operating budget for the 2008-09 school year is \$456,369,138. Sixty-nine (69) percent of this support comes from local sources, twenty-six (26) percent from state sources, less than one (1) percent from federal sources and the remainder from opening fund balances. Local funds from sales and property taxes provide thirty-six (36) percent of the total resources. **Per-pupil expenditure from the general operating budget is \$7,086. Nearly 2/3 of every per-pupil dollar is spent on instruction and instructional support.**

SPECIAL SERVICES

A complete continuum of special education and related services is available through neighborhood schools for students with disabilities. Programs and services include the Child Find Assessment Center and Marvin Picollo School. Qualifying students needing extra help in reading or math are served by Title I programs. The district also offers English as a Second Language (ESL) and a Native American Education program.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

A seven member Board of Trustees is elected by the citizens of Washoe County to set school district policy. The board employs a superintendent to administer the district and carry out policy decisions. Trustees meet regularly and special board meetings are called as needed. The public is encouraged to attend. For meeting schedules, agendas and minutes, log on to www.washoe.k12.nv.us/trustees or call 348-0399.

MISSION STATEMENT

The Washoe County School District provides each student the opportunity to achieve his or her potential through a superior education in a safe and challenging environment in order to develop responsible and productive citizens for our diverse and rapidly changing community.

Adopted December 1996

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

DAN CARNE • 775.857.3770

District A: South, Southwest, including Incline Village

NANCY HOLLINGER • 775.358.8905

District B: Sparks, including Southern half of Sun Valley

BARBARA CLARK • 775.972.9244

District C: North Valleys, Northern Sun Valley and Spanish Springs

KEN GREIN • 775.828.4676

District D: Southeast Reno, Old Southwest Reno

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District E: Northeast Reno, Northwest Reno, Verdi, Mogul

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District F (at-large): Eastern half of Washoe County from Spanish Springs to Geiger Grade

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District G (at-large): Western half of Washoe County from Cold Springs to Washoe Valley

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WHO YOU GONNA CALL?

Most of the time, questions are best answered with your child's teacher, vice principal, or school principal. We encourage you to call them first. But there may be occasional instances when you can't resolve an issue at the school level. If you need to speak with someone at the district about a problem, please refer to the list below.

Athletics:

Ken Cass, 333.5185

Attendance:

Kathy Butler, 348.0282

Capital Projects / Facilities Mgmt:

851.5672

Counseling:

Susan Rusk, 333.3787

Discipline:

Jeff Freeman, 333.6026

ESL:

Mary Ann Robinson, 333.6090

Graduation Requirements:

Deanna Rucker, 348.0249

Health/Nurse:

Dana Balchunas, 353.5966

Home Schooling:

Barbara Creveling, 333.6100

Kindergarten:

Dawna Ogden, 861.1200

Nutrition Services:

353.5930

Proficiency Testing:

Sandra Foster, 348.0283

School Police:

Mike Mieras, 348.0285

Safe & Drug Free Schools:

Katherine Loudon, 850.8012

SHARE (Sex Ed):

Katherine Loudon, 850.8026

Student Records:

Debbie Congdon, 348.0201

Transportation:

Frank Garrity, 353.5900

Variations:

 Call school directly

Volunteers:

Lisa Marie Lightfoot, 851.5655

Fast Facts
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