

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, 15 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 Regional Technical Institute.

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

STUDENT ENROLLMENT

Elementary Schools34,101
 Middle Schools10,721
 High Schools.....18,813
TOTAL.....63,635

DISTRICT GROWTH

1980 Enrollment.....31,508
 1990 Enrollment.....38,466
 2000 Enrollment.....55,673
 2006 Enrollment.....62,390
 2007 Enrollment.....63,046
2008 Enrollment63,635

ETHNIC BREAKDOWN

American Indian/
 Alaskan Native..... 2.51%
 Asian/Pacific Islander ... 6.45%
 Black, not Hispanic 3.79%
 Hispanic 32.84%
Total Minorities45.59%
 White, not Hispanic 54.41%

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION RATES

The graduation rate for the Class of 2006, using the formula mandated by the Nevada Department of Education, was 75%, higher than the state rate of 68%.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

Nevada High School Proficiency Examination.

Percentage of 2007 Graduating Class passing exam:

Reading 99.8%
 Writing 99.7%
 Math 94.8%

ACT. Composite scores include English, math, reading and science.
 2007 Graduating Class Tested... 36.4%
WCSD..... 22.2
 State of Nevada 22.0
 National..... 21.5

SAT. Reasoning test.

2007 Graduating Class Tested...45.4%

	Critical Reading	Math	Writing
WCSD	521	524	500
Nevada	500	506	480
National	502	515	494

National Merit Semi-finalists.

16% of the state's semi-finalists (October 2007) came from the WCSD.

State of Nevada 82
WCSD..... 13

Millennium Scholarship.

Given to students in the Graduating Class of 2006 with a weighted GPA of 3.0 and higher.
 Eligible Graduates.....47.8%
 Accepted the Scholarship.....72.0%
 Average GPA of those who accepted the Scholarship..... 3.45

ITBS/ITED* 2006-07 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	54	57	59	61
Nevada Grade 4	51	57	56	56
WCSD Grade 7	42	43	48	53
Nevada Grade 7	40	43	46	47
WCSD Grade 10	48	46	48	50
Nevada Grade 10	42	43	43	41

Nevada CRT* 2006-07 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	60.6%	56.1%	n/a ∞
Nevada Grade 3	59.3%	55.8%	n/a ∞
WCSD Grade 5	55.6%	61.5%	54%
Nevada Grade 5	51.5%	58.5%	50%
WCSD Grade 8	63.3%	61.1%	63%
Nevada Grade 8	56.8%	52.8%	56.3%

∞ 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.....4,190 56.6%
 ESPs*2,826 38.1%
 Administrators.....356 4.8%
 School Police39 0.5%

TOTAL.....7,411

Substitute Teachers1,166

* Education Support Professionals (formerly "Classified")

ABOUT OUR TEACHERS

Master's Degree and above.....2,109
 Teachers and Counselors with National Board Certification159
 Teaching within area of license.....3,684
 10+ years teaching experience *1,152

* 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 2006-2007 school year, 4,119 AP exams were administered in WCSD and 344 seniors were designated AP Scholars. At Wooster High School 275 students took IB classes, 195 IB exams were administered and 16 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, call **851-5655** or visit **washoe.k12.nv.us/volunteering**.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

The Education Collaborative (EC) is a nonprofit organization which is funded by WCSO, grants and donations. The EC focuses on K-16 programs in the areas of academic achievement, community partnerships and workforce development and provides a link between our schools and the community through the following programs: Advocacy, School to Careers, Parent Information and Resources, From Crayons to Computers Warehouse and Partners-in-Education. Please check the website at www.e-collaborative.org or call 353-5533 for information on how you, your business or organization can be involved.

BUDGET

The general operating budget for the 2007-08 school year is \$426,307,917. 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 \$6,430. 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, call 348-0399 or log on to <http://www.washoe.k12.nv.us/calendar/meetings/>.

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 • 338-5111

District A: South, Southwest, including Incline Village

NANCY HOLLINGER • 358-8905

District B: Sparks, including Southern half of Sun Valley

BARBARA CLARK • 972-9244

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

JONNIE PULLMAN • 786-6432

District D: Southeast Reno, Old Southwest Reno

JODY RUGGIERO • 747-7282

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

LEZLIE PORTER • 626-2266

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

BARBARA PRICE • 786-2569

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.

Attendance:

Kathy Butler, 348-0282

Athletics:

Jeff Freeman, 348-0375

Counseling:

Susan Rusk./ Kelly Jesch, 333-6116

Discipline:

Jeff Freeman, 348-0375

ESL:

Mary Ann Robinson, 353-5915

Graduation Requirements:

Deanna Rucker, 348-0249

Health/Nurse:

Dana Balchunas, 353-5966

Home Schooling:

Barbara Creveling, 333-6100

Kindergarten:

Dawna Ogden, 861-1240

Volunteers:

Lisa Marie Lightfoot, 851-5655

Nutrition Services:

Joan Munckton, 353-5930

Plant Facilities:

Dale Sanderson, 851-5672

Proficiency Testing:

Sandra Foster, 348-0283

School Police:

Mike Mieras, 358-0285

SHARE (Sex Ed):

Katherine Loudon, 850-8016

Student Records:

Debbie Congdon, 349-0281

Transportation:

James Means, 353-5900

Variations:

 Call school directly

Assistant Superintendents

Elementary Schools:

Lisa Noonan, 348-0382

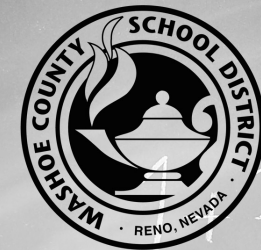
Middle Schools:

Michelle Collins, 348-0361

High Schools:

Nancy Sanger, 348-0261

Fast Facts 2008



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