

Students wishing to earn this diploma must earn a college and/or a career ready endorsement before graduating from high school. The criteria to receive these endorsements are described below:

College-Ready Endorsement

Students wishing to receive a college-ready endorsement must receive the minimum score on the ACT with Writing for initial placement into college-level coursework for both English and Mathematics as prescribed by the Nevada State Board of Education.

Career-Ready Endorsement

Students wishing to receive a career-ready endorsement must earn a minimum score on a State Approved career-readiness assessment **AND** one of the following:

- Satisfy the requirements for the issuance of a State Certificate of Skill Attainment as noted in the Career and Technical Education section below.
- Obtain an industry-recognized credential identified by the Governors Office of Workforce Innovation for a New Nevada

Career and Technical Education (CTE)

Career and Technical Education (CTE) represents a way for students to complete a career and technical education program of study. Completion of a CTE program of study may allow students to earn college credit from several post-secondary Nevada institutions. Any CCSD student can earn the State Certificate of Skill Attainment and may earn college credit by completing the following criteria:

- Earn a 3.0 GPA in their CTA course sequence
- Pass the state and end-of-program technical content assessment
- Pass the Workplace Readiness Assessment for employability skills

Programs are available in many different areas. See your high school counselor to discuss the programs available at your school.



The only trend you should follow is yourself. You should have your own style and your own identity. Be original, and don't be afraid to be yourself. It's a cliché, but it's essential. People are more likely to remember you and want to be friends with you if you are intriguing and different.

Find ways to relax. If the time has come to cut yourself some slack. Do something fun with friends or spend the weekend relaxing and doing what you like to do. Energize yourself so when Monday comes, you're all set and ready to focus again.

Never give up. Again, cliché, but important. High school is all about making a fool of yourself but picking yourself back up, trying again, and making friends along the way. Learn to laugh at yourself when you make a mistake. Don't beat yourself up over the occasional bad grade on a test or quiz. Tell yourself to study harder and strive for an A the next time. If your team lost a game, tell yourself to push yourself a little harder at the next practice. Learning this will soon apply outside of school and into other parts of your fantastic life. Learn from your mistakes and you will go a long way. Just remember, **no one is perfect.**

Information for the Helpful Tips was taken from the following website:
<https://www.wikihow.com/Be-a-Successful-High-School-Student>

Nevada Learning Academy (NLVA)

The Nevada Learning Academy at CCSD is a tuition-free online secondary public school, providing opportunities for students to engage in online courses to enhance their learning experience. With a full catalog of online high school courses to choose from, including honors, Advanced Placement® (AP courses are college level and approved by the College Board) and other college preparatory courses. At NLVA our students benefit from an individualized program tailored to meet their educational goals.

NLVA high school benefits include:

- Highly qualified teachers in every course
- Quality curriculum aligned to Nevada Academic Content Standards
- Multiple curriculum options to meet the needs of diverse learners
- Select dual credit college courses available for high grade students
- All core courses are NCAA® approved

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Make good use of an agenda. Don't only write homework, but make sure to write down other things you'll need to remember (like games, practices, study sessions, etc). In order to be a successful high school student, you need to have the ability to stay on top of all your activities. Use your agenda to stay organized and follow through with your plans. Also, use your agenda to set time limits.

Stay organized. Make sure you have all the supplies you need. It may help to have one 3-ring binder with pockets for each class (maybe only a folder for an elective class) with loose-leaf paper and dividers if they help.

School is important. You don't have to be the one who holes up in your bedroom Friday night to be considered someone who takes school seriously. The truth is, school is important.

School is important, but so is a social life. Balance is the key. You can be someone who makes straight A's in all advanced classes, but if you have zero extra-curricular activities in your application for college, you will have a much more difficult time getting accepted. It's just not attractive either way. Keep on top of your schoolwork but make sure you let your hair down a little sometimes. You won't regret it.

High School Enrollment Expectations

Students are expected to take the following courses in high school to prepare them for both post-secondary education and the world of work. In addition, students must take additional coursework that is required for their desired diploma.

Areas of Study	Credit(s)
English	4
Mathematics (one must include Algebra II or higher)	4
Science	3
Social Studies	3



Get involved at your school. You don't have to wear spirit colors everyday or be a cheerleader to do this. All you need to do is to stay on top of things - current events, who won the basketball game, attending school functions like dances, keeping up with plans your student council has for the school, etc.

Stay active. It's easy to forget to stay in shape when the workload starts piling up. Try joining a team or participating in physical fitness activities. Make sure you're being reasonable though. If you're taking all honors classes, for example, and you know you're going to have a lot of homework, you may want to consider reducing time for other activities. You should, however, be both healthy and on top of your schoolwork. Remember to find a balance!

Figure out what your hobbies are and find a club that matches them. Not being an athlete is no excuse for not having something to do after school. If you're into art, join the art club. Music? Join the orchestra or a band. Join *something* and be sure to stick with it for a long time; it looks good on college applications.

Care about your future. Starting now, determine how you can learn the skills for your desired profession. You don't need to decide anything yet, but it will help you decide how you will learn them. Visit your school counselor often - they may need to write a letter of recommendation so they will need to know you. They may also be able to help you consider other opportunities that meet your interests and help you find ways to help pay for them.



Care about your Grade Point Average. Your GPA is an important part of your future plans. Your GPA is your lifeline! With a **high** GPA many options are available after graduation. You will have many choices regarding which colleges you can attend. A low GPA limits your options. There is a program out there for everyone but having a choice makes the walk across the stage a sweet victory!

Make friends with everyone. There's too much going on to worry about cliques, who's friends with whom, who the popular people are, etc. The best thing to do is to just be friends with everyone. Be confident and be yourself. Get into the habit of saying "hi" to people and not being afraid to talk to new classmates.



Don't compare yourself with others. High school is only a competition with yourself. Everyday you should only be trying to get better, not worrying about how the person sitting in front of you has nicer clothes, is getting better grades, has a hotter boyfriend or girlfriend, etc. Focus on *yourself*. Focus on what you can do to make *yourself* better. Then, most importantly, go for it!

Don't procrastinate. This is probably the #1 curse of all high school students. It's hard and it's okay if you do it every once in a while. But when big tests, exams, and essays come, don't make it a habit. You'll only be sorry in the end. It's best to accustom yourself to getting things done early and out of the way rather than waiting until the very last minute. Make a plan and a list of homework. Keep it somewhere you can see it and won't forget it. Don't forget due dates!!!

Eat breakfast and lunch. You'd be surprised how many people skip breakfast or lunch. Not only is this not smart, but it's unhealthy. First of all, waffles are yummy. If you don't have time to eat breakfast at home, take some to the bus stop or buy some at your cafeteria before the first period. It's important to jumpstart your metabolism the right way so it's running smoothly throughout the whole day. Lunch is important to prevent your stomach from grumbling during your last periods. A full stomach keeps you focused. Skipping meals actually only slows down your metabolism and makes you gain more weight, not less.

Get enough sleep. This is easier said than done, but sleep has so many benefits. Try to get things done and out of the way so that you get your much needed shuteye. Not only will you be more alert during the day, but you'll be much more likely to pay attention in your classes and, as a result, ace them. Of course, this is not always possible, if it happens, skip clubs/sports the next day and nap! You are no good to anyone when you are severely sleep deprived. Naps are wonderful things.

High School Graduation Testing Requirements

To receive a diploma from a Nevada high school, students must take the ACT with Writing.

OPTION 1 Standard/Alternate* Diploma

Students wishing to receive the Standard Diploma must complete the following credit requirements:

Standard Diploma	
Areas of Study	Credit(s)
English	4
Mathematics	3
Science	2
World History / Geography	1
U.S. History	1
U.S. Government	1
Physical Education	2
Health	½
Use of Computers	½
College and Career Flex Credit*	2
Electives	6
Total	23

*A student with a disability who participates in the Nevada Alternative Assessment and earns the prescribed credit minimums may earn an Alternate Diploma.

**College and Career Flex credits can be earned by completing an additional year of mathematics, an additional year of science, an additional year of social studies or by completing a third or fourth year of a Career and Technical Education program.

OPTION 2 Advanced Diploma

Students wishing to receive the Advanced Diploma must complete the following credit requirements and earn a **minimum cumulative unweighted GPA of 3.25**.

Advanced Diploma	
Areas of Study	Credit(s)
English	4
Mathematics (one must include Algebra II or higher)	4
Science	3
World History / Geography	1
U.S. History	1
U.S. Government	1
Physical Education	2
Health	½
Use of Computers	½
Arts/Humanities or CTE	1
Electives	6
Total	24

OPTION 3 Advanced Honors Diploma

Students planning to apply to universities with competitive admission requirements, may pursue the CCSD Advanced Honors Diploma. This diploma requires additional rigorous coursework beyond that required for the Advanced Diploma. Students will be required to fulfill **all of the requirements for the Advanced Diploma including the 3.25 GPA requirement**. In addition, students must earn the Honors, International Baccalaureate (IB) or Advanced Placement (AP) courses as noted below.

Advanced Honors Diploma Honors, AP or IB Requirements	
Areas of Study	Honors, AP or IB Credits Required
English	3
Mathematics	2
Science	2
World History / Geography	2
U.S. History	
U.S. Government	
World Language	1
Arts/Humanities or CTE	2
Electives	
Total	12

OPTION 4 College and Career Ready Diploma

Students planning to enter the work-force or attend a college following high school may wish to pursue the College and Career Ready Diploma. In order to become eligible for this diploma, students must meet the requirements of the Advanced Diploma including the 3.25 GPA requirement. They must also show proficiency in a second language OR earn two credits in the following categories:

- Advanced Placement courses
- International Baccalaureate courses
- Dual-credit or dual-enrollment courses
- Career and technical Education courses
- Work-based learning courses
- World Language courses

Further requirements for this diploma are found on the following page...