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EDUCATIONAL OPTIONS FOR STUDENTS

Dear High School Student:

The value of an education is well-documented. Research and studies have confirmed that the lack of a high school diploma adversely affects a person's ability to attain employment, limits career opportunities, and results in lower wages. A variety of educational opportunities exist for the young adult who chooses not to pursue a high school diploma through traditional means, may be credit-deficient, or may have been expelled. Please refer to the following information regarding these choices. Additionally, guidance counselors at the sites listed below will assist you in finding the most suitable program(s) to meet your educational needs.

Academy for Individualized Study (AIS) ***Independent Study - Concurrent Enrollment***

Concurrent Enrollment enables high school students to meet graduation requirements by participating in additional Independent Study classes after traditional school hours. Seniors who have credit deficiencies can earn credit for graduation while they remain enrolled at their home zoned high school. Weekly test sites are available in all CCSD regions. For additional information, including fees, call 702-799-8636 or visit the AIS website at: www.ccsd.net/schools/ais.

Independent Study - Full-Time Enrollment

Students who cannot, or choose not to, attend a comprehensive school may enroll in the Independent Study Program. Independent Study is a competency-based program. Students work on one course at a time. Students work at home and report to a designated school site once a week for testing. Credit is issued once a student completes all course requirements. Test sites are offered Monday through Friday. For additional information, including fees, call 702-799-8636 or visit the AIS website at: www.ccsd.net/schools/ais.

Credit-By-Exam - Concurrent Enrollment

Credit-By-Exam provides an opportunity for the advanced student to progress at the student's own learning pace. Credits for specific courses are awarded based on demonstrated competence through an examination process. Credit-By-Exam is available only to enrolled high school students for classes they are not currently enrolled in, nor have previously taken. All Credit-By-Exams require the approval of the student's counselor and principal. (Please note: Credit-By-Exam is not available for every course.) For additional information, including fees, call 702-799-8636 or visit the AIS website at: www.ccsd.net/schools/ais.

Home School - Full-Time Exemption

A student may be excused from compulsory attendance at a public school when written evidence is provided to the school district that a student will receive equivalent instruction. Based on a parent's request and filed application, Clark County School District provides an exemption letter to the parent prior to a student's withdrawal from school. For additional information call 702-799-8636 or visit the AIS website at: www.ccsd.net/schools/ais.

Adult Education

Concurrent and/or Full-Time Enrollment

Adult Education is an educational program designed to serve adults and out of school youths, 17 years of age or older, who desire to earn a high school diploma or obtain a Nevada State Certificate of High School Equivalency. There is no fee for out of school youth and adults. The program also serves students enrolled in comprehensive or non-traditional schools (concurrent students) who desire to make up high school credits. Students concurrently enrolled pay \$100 per 1/2 credit course. The Adult Education Program may award an adult standard diploma to individuals who meet state requirements. Over 45 day and evening locations are available in Clark County including Las Vegas, Henderson, Mt. Charleston, Laughlin, Mesquite, Moapa, Virgin Valley, and Searchlight.

For additional information call the Adult Education Intake Center at 702-799-8655 or Desert Rose Adult High School at 702-799-6240.

Horizon/Sunset Programs Concurrent and/or Full-Time Enrollment

Horizon and Sunset High Schools provide a non-traditional academic program for students who desire a non-traditional program, including those who have already dropped out and are under 21 years of age. These programs operate during the day (Horizon) or evening (Sunset), and offer concurrent enrollment (available at Sunset) and full-time enrollment options.

- Burk Horizon High School 702-799-8150
 - *Including: Clean and Sober, Drug Free School of Choice*
- Burk Southwest Sunset High School 702-799-8150
- Cowan Sunset Southeast High School 702-799-6370
- Global Community High School at Morris Hall 702-799-8850
- Morris Sunset East High School 702-799-8880

General Education Development Test (GED) (Nevada State Certificate of High School Equivalency)

In the absence of a high school diploma, the General Education Development Test is used as a measure of an individual's basic competencies in the areas of English (writing and literature), social studies, science, and mathematics.

Individuals who desire to pursue a Nevada State Certificate of High School Equivalency must meet the following requirements:

- 17 years of age or older (administrative approval required for 16 year-old students);
- Officially withdrawn from school;
- Registration;
- GED testing fee of \$50.00; and
- Proof of identity (i.e. valid drivers license or Department of Motor Vehicles identification card).

Counseling services are mandatory and are available to all enrolled and prospective students. Students may be counseled on a walk-in or an appointment basis at various locations throughout Clark County. For information regarding the GED program call the Adult Education Intake Center at 702-799-8655.

Virtual High School - Distance Education* Concurrent and/or Full-Time Enrollment

This Clark County School District school provides full-time or concurrent students educational opportunities through interactive online courses, and DVDs/videotapes. Students access courses via the internet and must have accessibility to appropriate technology. Classes are based on Nevada State Standards. Students enroll full-time, at no cost, and may complete all necessary coursework to earn a high school diploma. Concurrent students may enroll in up to two courses per semester at a fee of \$100 per course. Students are required to meet online with their teacher and classmates each week. More than 1500 students enroll each semester in core, elective, and Advanced Placement (AP) courses at Virtual High School. Detailed information on this program is available at www.ccsdde.net or call 702-855-8435 for additional information.

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