

Douglas County School District



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School Reopening Report
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2020-21 School Reopening



Full In-Person

- All District Elementary Schools
- George Whittell High School



Hybrid

- All District Middle Schools
- Douglas High School



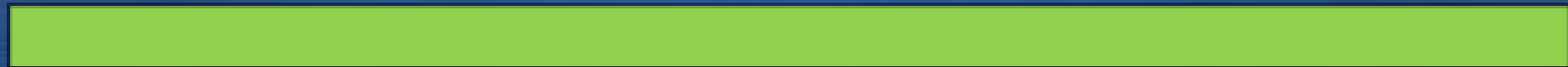
Full Online

- Douglas Nevada Online

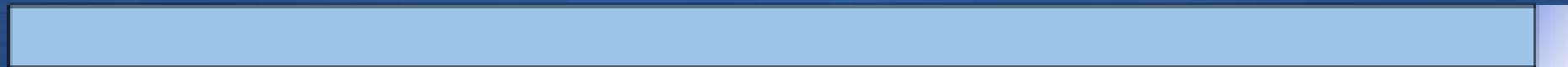


connecting **KIDS**

Where Douglas County School District Stands in Nevada's Race to Connect Every Kid...



5,377 of 5,377 Students Reached – 100%



5,316 of 5,377 Students Connected to Internet – 99%

Note: 61 students identified living in homes without Internet. DCSD has 70 T-Mobile Devices in hand.



5,436 of 5,436 Students Connected to Devices – 100%



Assembly Bill 3 Funding



DCSD will utilize AB 3 funding to support the targeted population of students during both in-person and distance learning providing needed instruction and interventions in targeted content areas aligned to the Nevada Academic Content Standards (NVACS).

- iReady
- Dreambox
- Eureka Affirm
- GoFormative
- Newsela
- Elementary Math Supplies
- Lexia
- Learning Ally
- NWEA MAP Accelerator & MAP Reading Proficiency
- Gizmos
- Follet – E-books & Digital Library
- Elementary Reading & Writing Supplies



Social-Emotional Needs



1. Douglas County School District utilizes a team approach to meeting the social-emotional needs of our students. Our teams consists of:
 - 17 Full-Time School Counselors
 - 4 Full-Time Social Workers
 - 4 School Resource Officers
2. All sites are using Collaborative for Academic, Social, and Emotional Learning (CASEL) as their foundation to support social-emotional learning.
3. School counselors provide social-emotional learning support for both in-person and distance learning.
4. Sensory supports, virtual calming rooms, social stories, and restorative circles are just some of the examples of support counselors and social workers have in place to support social-emotional learning.





Celebrations



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1. The reopening of schools in Douglas County School District has been something to celebrate.
 - 1,986 students attend school in-person every day of the school week.
 - 2,440 students attend school in person every other day of the school week.
 - In 30 days of instruction, 14 positive cases of COVID-19 have been reported, but no cases have been contracted within DCSD schools.
2. Preparedness for Distance Learning – We have been forward-thinking regarding our technology infrastructure, professional development of staff, the development of a Continuity of Education Plan, and our pursuit of EPIC Learning through Modern Teacher.



Celebrations Continued



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3. Our entire staff deserves recognition for not only our ability to reopen schools, but for the success we have experienced in doing so. Since March 13, 2020, they have continually demonstrated an “I can” attitude centered on doing what’s best for our students, even in the most challenging of times.
4. Finally, we celebrate the collegiality of our staff as it relates to professional development and modernizing how we deliver instruction in DCSD. We believe, and our teachers continually demonstrate, that some of the best learning opportunities occur when we provide opportunities for our staff to learn from each other.

Challenges



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1. Academic performance in the Hybrid and Online Learning Models is a significant concern, as it can be challenging to engage students within distance/online learning.
2. Enrollment
 - ↓ 153 at Secondary Level from 2020-21 Projections
 - ↓ 133 at Elementary Level from 2020-21 Projections
 - 881 students are enrolled in Douglas Nevada Online
 - 527 secondary students
 - 354 elementary students
 - 206 students are enrolled in home school.



Challenges Continued



Challenges

3. Funding Uncertainty
4. Opening a new school – Douglas Nevada Online



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POSITIVE CULTURE

Connections
Foster Curiosity
Growth Mindset
Inclusive

We expect learners to develop into problem finders who struggle and fail forward in their quest to grow through risk-taking, collaboration and reflection.

RESPONSIVE INSTRUCTION

Relevant
Formative
Personalized
Rigorous

We assess continually to respond and adapt—creating individuals and authentic learning.

LEARNER CENTERED

Flexible
Innovative
Voice & Choice
Metacognition

With integrity, we promote empathy, compassion and respect affirming our commitment to making a positive difference in the lives of our learners.



How we have evolved as a society...





Douglas County School District had to ask...
Have our classrooms evolved to meet the needs of our 21st century learners?



Where we were...



Where we are...



Where we are headed with EPIC Learning...