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Carson City's Carson Online Program Assists more than 970 Students

CARSON CITY, Nev. (Aug. 16, 2017) — Carson Online, the Carson City School District's (CCSD) online education program, assisted more than 970 students in the 2016-2017 school year. The program was piloted at Pioneer High School in 2009.

It has become a very successful online credit option for students in CCSD that has helped change culture, provide technological support and has helped raise the graduation rate in the district, said Jason Zona, principal of Pioneer High School.

Carson Online has grown each year and now serves all the secondary schools in CCSD at (Pioneer High School, Carson High School, Eagle Valley Middle School and Carson Middle School) in grades 6-12, Zona continued. CCSD is adding elementary options this year. In the previous 2016-2017 school year, high school students in the full-time online program had a passing rate of 92 percent.

"This highly successful online program helped more students graduate despite several barriers such as credit deficiency, transiency, a high free and reduced lunch ratio, moving between schools in high school, work schedules, and/or medical conditions preventing students from attending traditional high schools," Zona said. "Advanced and Honors diplomas were also available through these options at the high school level."

Whether a student is trying to catch up on credits, earn extra credits, strive for an advanced/honors diploma, or if they have started their careers early, Carson Online helps students succeed at their own pace.

"These options have allowed students to graduate on time, early and while they have started college and careers early," Zona said. "Online courses were utilized by a wide range of students. In addition to students who were bound to four year colleges, it was also utilized by a Junior Olympian, State level triathletes, theatrical performers, a professional BMX racer and students who were just trying to graduate on time while attending PHS."

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The program allows for such flexibility and students are able to accomplish amazing things, he continued. We are very proud of student success and overall passing rates while using flexible scheduling and online options in Carson Online. Online teachers are available to students Monday through Friday from 5 a.m. – 8 p.m., providing an extended layer of support to students with non-traditional schedules.

“Our formula of flexible scheduling with on/off campus support, campus computer labs, teacher support and a nurturing and top notch educational staff have created a positive non-traditional learning environment,” he said. “Carson Online has ultimately helped raise the overall graduation rate in the Carson City School District.”

A special thanks goes to Jill Council, Carson Online Coordinator, all our lab assistants in CCSD, and to the Pearson Company for offering such high quality classes through Advanced Academics. For more information about Carson Online, you can visit carsononlineschool.com or call 775-283-1320.

ABOUT CCSD

Located in Nevada’s capital, CCSD offers public education to approximately 7,600 students in Carson City. The district includes 6 elementary schools, 2 middle schools, 1 alternative high school and 1 comprehensive high school. CCSD boasts many successes including impressive graduation rates, strict safety measures, programs for gifted students and advanced-placement classes, among several others. In a joint venture with Western Nevada College, the CCSD Jump Start College program allows students to complete their senior year of high school and freshman year of college simultaneously.

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