CCSD celebrates the increase of 5-Star Middle and High Schools
District has an action plan in place to continue improvement

Las Vegas – Over the past two years, eight Clark County School District middle and high schools increased their star rating to become 5-Star Schools, according to the 2013-14 Nevada School Performance Framework results released today.

The “star ratings” rank schools from 1 to 5 stars based on their state test score results and other indicators such as attendance and graduation rates.

Since 2012, the number of 5-Star Middle Schools has increased from 12 to 17. The number of 5-Star High Schools increased from nine to 12 since 2012, and the number of 4-Star High Schools doubled from five to 10.

“I am very proud of the schools that have improved their star ratings, especially the ones who have achieved a 5-Star designation,” said Superintendent Pat Skorkowsky. “Many other schools increased the number of points they earned, even if their star rating didn’t change. This is the reflection of hard work and dedication from many teachers, faculty, students and parents.”

Overall, CCSD’s star rankings were very similar to those from the 2012-13 school year. That is partly due to a lack of growth on the Criterion Referenced Test (CRT) and to the district’s continued need to address achievement gaps between student groups, Skorkowsky said.

“We know we have hard work ahead of us to ensure the academic success of every student in every classroom,” Skorkowsky said. “That’s why we have launched the ‘Pledge of Achievement’ action plan and invited the community to monitor our progress.”

The Pledge of Achievement action plan and district scorecard can be found at pledgeofachievement.com.

CCSD is investing in resources and professional development for teachers to help them design instruction aligned to the Nevada Academic Content Standards taught in our classrooms and the new Smarter Balanced Aligned Curriculum (SBAC) test that students will take this spring.

“Our standards might prove more challenging for some of our students and teachers, but they will provide students with new methods for problem solving and develop them to use higher-level thinking, which will prepare them for a competitive global market,” said Chief Student Achievement Officer Mike Barton. “It’s a tough challenge, but I have faith in our students and teachers, and we will provide them with the resources necessary to succeed.”

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