

State Public Charter School Authority Increases Graduation Rate 4.75 points

Carson City – January 18, 2019 – The State Public Charter School Authority (SPCSA) announced Friday that its sponsored charter schools with high school grade levels had all contributed to an overall graduation rate increase of 4.75 percentage points as reported by the Nevada Department of Education.

The SPCSA had the second highest graduation increase among all districts in Nevada. Overall, the SPCSA increased its graduation rate from 65.28% to 70.03%.

“We are excited about the increase in our charter schools’ graduation rate,” SPCSA Chairman Jason Guinasso said, “There is still plenty of work to be done to get these numbers higher, but this most recent Nevada Department of Education report shows that we are on the right track.”

Included in the 4.75% increase were four charter schools who achieved a 95% graduation rate or higher during the 2017-2018 Four Year Adjusted Cohort Rate.

Those schools were: Equipo Academy, who achieved 95%; Nevada State High School – Summerlin, who achieved 97%; Nevada State High School – Henderson, who achieved 98%; and Oasis Academy, Nevada State High School – Downtown, and Coral Academy of Science Las Vegas – Sandy Ridge, who all achieved a 100% graduation rate.

This graduation data reflects, for the first time, the College and Career Ready (CCR) High School Diploma that was created by the 2017 Legislature. The new CCR Diploma includes both a college-ready and career-ready endorsement. The college-ready endorsement reflects the work of students who have completed certain coursework or obtained experience that makes them qualified for, and prepared to succeed in, college without the need for remediation. The career-ready endorsement reflects the work of students who have completed certain coursework or obtained certain experience that makes them qualified for, and prepared to succeed in, post-secondary education or job training in high-demand occupations.

This is the eighth year Nevada has calculated the graduation rate using the adjusted cohort rate, which is required by the U.S. Department of Education. The four-year adjusted cohort graduation rate defines the cohort based on when a student enters the ninth grade; it is calculated using the number of students who graduate within four years and includes adjustments for transfer out students. While all states are calculating the graduation rate using the same formula, each state still sets its own requirements for students to earn a diploma.

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