

K-12 EDUCATION & SLO

Sending your child to school is compulsory and mandated by law, but how you decide to educate your child is a matter of choice. This brochure provides a snapshot of the educational options for your military child while you are assigned to Nellis or Creech Air Force Base.



Clark County, Nevada is home to the nation's fifth largest public school district, more than 100 private schools (*call the School Liaison Officer or SLO for information about private schools*), 20 public charter schools (including virtual schools), and a burgeoning home school population. There are myriad options to fulfill parents' obligations to most appropriately educate their children and most of those choices are revealed in this brochure. For a more detailed description of local educational options, peruse the **Military Child Education Guide**, which can be found online at www.nellis.af.mil/schoolliaisonofficer/index.asp.

If you fail to find all the answers to your questions in this brochure or the Military Child Education Guide, call the SLO at (702) 652-3327 or email him at Ronald.Gibson.ctr@nellis.af.mil.



Specifically, SLOs provide guidance to military-connected families regarding **enrollment, placement, graduation, special education, and eligibility for extracurricular activities** at local primary and secondary schools. While most military children attend traditional

public schools, SLO assistance also extends to education alternatives, such as, private school, public charter school, cyber/virtual school, and home school.

SPECIAL NEEDS

LOCAL SCHOOLS

CSD provides special education direct services, related services, and support services to eligible students with disabilities ages 3 to 22. Charter schools and various private schools also offer special education services. Regardless of the type of school your child attends, military members with children who have special needs should visit <http://ccsd.net/parents/pdf/specialEducationRights.pdf> to learn more about your child's right to an education and the actions to take if your child has special needs.

EFMP-FS

The Exceptional Family Member Program-Family Support (EFMP-FS) is designed to provide support to military family members and includes a variety of personnel, medical, and family support functions. EFMP-Family Support is the community support function provided by the Airman and Family Readiness Center (A&FRC) that includes, but is not limited to, on-and off-base information and referral, parent training, support groups, relocation assistance, financial management, and school information. **The Exceptional Family Member Program is standard and mandatory for all DoD active-duty service members.** It is meant to identify family members with special medical and/or *educational needs*.

LOCAL RESOURCES

There are several support organizations for EFMP families assigned to Nellis AFB, Creech AFB, and NTTR, including base organizations, such as the EFMP-FS committee and EFMP Family Support Group, and off-base organizations, such as Nevada PEP (www.nvpep.org).

The base **EFMP Coordinator Stephanie Garnes** (stephanie.garnes@nellis.af.mil), also can refer military-connected families to additional resources meant to help special needs students. Her office is located at the A&FRC. The phone number is **(702) 652-3327**.



Nellis AFB, Creech AFB, and Nevada Test & Training Range (NTTR) Military Child Education Primer



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PUBLIC SCHOOL

The majority of the military children associated with Nellis and Creech AFBs attend Clark County School District (CCSD), which is the lone public school district for Clark County, Nevada. CCSD has 357 schools serving more than 308,000 students. In addition to a comprehensive education program for kindergarten through grade 12, the district offers select schools that include magnet programs and career and technical academies geared toward those students with unique interests, skills, and abilities. CCSD made Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) three of the last five years, according to stipulations of the [No Child Left Behind Act](#). In August 2011, the state of Nevada's [Department of Education](#) and CCSD unveiled a new component used to evaluate schools throughout the state called the [Nevada Growth Model](#). A "School Growth Summary" for each elementary and middle school may be viewed online at <http://www.ccsd.net/growth-model/Access.php>.



ENROLLMENT

Nevada law requires school attendance between ages 7 and 18. Half-day kindergarten is part of the regular school program. The full-day kindergarten program requires tuition, and parents should call their zoned school for cost. A child must be five years old on or before September 30 to attend kindergarten and must be six years old on or before September 30 to enter first grade. If your child is enrolling in a Clark County school for the first time, regardless of the grade, you need **proof of address, proof of the child's identity, and current medical infomation**. For more information, go to the CCSD website (www.ccsd.net) or call the SLO.

ZONING

Military children living on Nellis AFB are zoned for three schools: [Lomie G. Heard Elementary School](#) (located at Nellis AFB), [Caroll M. Johnston Middle School](#), and [Mojave High School](#). For families living off base, the school attendance zone to which your child is assigned depends upon your permanent address. Visiting the CCSD website and selecting the link called [zoning information](#) located on the homepage under the parents tab to discover your neighborhood school.

CHARTER SCHOOLS

Charter schools are free, public schools. They receive state funding like those of the Clark County School District (CCSD). However, unlike CCSD schools, they operate under a charter or contract issued by a local school district or the Nevada State Board of Education. Charter schools are held accountable for measurable and improved student achievement. If the goals of the school set forth in the charter are not reached, the school's charter may be revoked or not renewed. In addition to perusing the list charter schools below, you also should visit the website for the state of Nevada's [Office of Charter Schools \(http://www.doe.nv.gov/SD_CharterSchools.htm\)](http://www.doe.nv.gov/SD_CharterSchools.htm). Visit the [Charter School Association of Nevada](#) website (www.nevadacharters.org) is another useful resource.

Charter Schools in Clark County, Nevada

Kindergarten - 2nd Grade

- [Imagine School at Mountain View](#)

Kindergarten-5th Grade

- [Rainbow Dreams Academy](#)
- [Somerset Academy](#) (Emerson Campus expanding to K-8)

Kindergarten-7th Grade

- [Silver Sands Montessori Charter School](#) (expanding to K-8)
- [Somerset Academy](#) (North Las Vegas Campus expanding K-8)

Kindergarten - 8th Grade

- [100 Academy of Excellence](#) (expanding to K-12)
- [Discovery Charter School](#)
- [Quest Academy Preparatory Education](#)

- [Silver Sands Montessori Charter School](#) (expanding to K-8)

Kindergarten - 11th Grade

- [Coral Academy of Science-Las Vegas](#)

7th-12th Grade

- [The Delta Academy](#)

9th - 12th Grade

- [Beacon Academy of Nevada \(Distance Education\)](#)

11th - 12th Grade

- [Nevada State High School](#)

Kindergarten-12th Grade

- [Andre Agassi College Preparatory Academy](#)
- [Explore Knowledge Academy](#)
- [Innovations International Charter School of Nevada](#)
- [Nevada Connections Academy](#) (Distance Education)
- [Nevada Virtual Academy](#) (Distance Education)
- [Odyssey Charter Schools \(Distance Education\)](#)
- [Renaissance Academy](#) (Distance Education)

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HOME SCHOOL

Home schooling has become an option used by an increasing number of families throughout the nation, including military families.

In Nevada, parents of prospective home schoolers must file a [Notice of Intent to Home School](#) with the [Clark County School District Home School Liaison Office](#), which is located at **2701 East St. Louis Ave., Door E, Las Vegas, NV 89104**.

The phone number is **(702)799-8630 Ext. 316 or Ext. 323**.

For home schoolers assigned to Nellis AFB, Creech AFB, and NTTR, there are a few local home education organizations available to provide advice, mentoring, and collaboration. The two most active organizations in the local area are the [Nellis and Creech Home School Group \(http://groups.yahoo.com/group/nellishomeschoolgroup\)](#) and the [Nevada Home School Network \(http://nevadahomeschoolnetwork.com/\)](#), which opened the [Rise Resource Center \(http://riseresourcecenter.org/\)](#) meant to educate Nevadans about educational choice in the local community.



USEFUL PHONE NUMBERS

CCSD Administrative Offices	(702) 799-5000
CCSD Board of School Trustees	(702) 799-1072
CCSD Public Concern	(702) 799-5005
CCSD Communications Office	(702) 799-5304
CCSD Human Resources Division	(702) 799-5322
CCSD Partnership Office	(702) 799-6560
CCSD School Police	(702) 799-5411
CCSD Instruction Unit	(702) 799-5475
CCSD Special Education	(702) 799-5471
CCSD Transportation	(702) 799-8111
Nevada PEP	(800) 216-5188
School Liaison Officer	(702) 652-3327
EFMP-FS Coordinator	(702) 652-3327