Commission on Innovation and Excellence in Education

Nevada Youth Legislature Delegates

In 2023, Senate Bill 425 created the Commission on Innovation and Excellence in Education. The goals of the Commission are: (1) to conduct a study comparing the education policies of this state to those of high-performing international and domestic education systems; (2) make recommendations on how to adapt the appropriate education policies of those high-performing education systems into the public education system in this state; (3) make recommendations on how to put the performance of pupils in this state in parity with the performance of those pupils in high-performing education systems; (4) incorporate any relevant findings of any previous or ongoing studies related to funding for education; and (5) develop an implementation plan for the recommendations made, including an analysis of the costs involved. The Commission submits a report regarding its findings to the Governor, the Superintendent of Public Instruction, the Legislative Commission, and the Joint Interim Standing Committee on Education.

As a student representative for the Commission, your contribution includes active participation, focused listening, and inclusionary communication and connection.

Active Participation

- Appreciate the privilege of attending and contributing to the Commission's understanding of the student perspective, including issues and ideas that might be new or unfamiliar to Commission members.
- Present accurate information that represents the needs and interests of Nevada students. Think ahead before speaking, especially when providing personal comments based on your own ideas or experiences; you want to ensure that what you say provides appropriate and meaningful input to the discussion.
- Speak concisely, making relevant points to ensure that everyone on the Commission can participate in idea-sharing and commentary.

Focused Listening

- Understand the general procedures of the Commission, including how they work through agendas, meeting protocols, member participation, public engagement, and more.
- Make note of the topics and key ideas discussed. You may be presented with the opportunity to share your experiences and takeaways during or following meetings.
- Exercise respect and confidence when asking questions when you do not understand something, need more clarity, or would appreciate more information.
- Pay attention to the people in attendance, particularly voting members on the Commission, and what they are saying. You want to ensure that you can engage at the highest level with all participants.

Inclusionary Communication and Connection

- Network with members of the Commission to build trust and demonstrate responsibility. Everyone will benefit from communications about the student perspective. In the context of the Commission's mission, be prepared to make yourself available to them before, during, and after the Commission meetings.

- Present yourself professionally through all your communication skills: nonverbal (body language); verbal (words); and transverbal (use of voice). **How** you show up during meetings reflects the entire student population of Nevada. You are their voice and their proxy during these proceedings and beyond.

- Share what you learn with those who could be significantly impacted by the Commission's work or with others who might have important input or feedback to provide.

Participation within this Commission presents Nevada Youth Legislators with distinctive opportunities to learn, share, and serve Nevada and its youth. Therefore, it is important for Youth Legislators to maximize each moment of engagement in meaningful and respectful ways.