



OUR STATE. OUR STUDENTS. OUR SUCCESS.

Nevada Department of Education

- Education and Economic Opportunity
 - Emphasis on Equity
- The Opportunity and Action
- 5-Year Goal
 - Fastest Improving State in the Nation
- Next Steps



The New Nevada Economy Demands More



Nevada's "Old" Education System Won't Work in the "New" Nevada

The "Old" Nevada produced:

- Low Student Achievement
- Significant Achievement Gaps with Rest of US
- Need for Post-Secondary Remediation
- Workforce Readiness Skills Gaps

And...

- Impacted Historically Underserved Students



2015 Comprehensive & Holistic Education Reform Package




Nevada Ready!

STARTING EARLY

- ✓ Preschool Expansion
- ✓ Early Literacy Support
- ✓ Full Day Kindergarten

FOCUS ON GREAT TEACHING

- ✓ Teacher Evaluation, Professional Development & Support
- ✓ Teacher Recruitment & Retention Incentives (Title 1 School Targeted)

RECOGNIZING DIFFERENT KIDS HAVE DIFFERENT NEEDS

- ✓ Victory Schools (FRL)
- ✓ Zoom Schools (ELL)
- ✓ Weighted Student Funding Formula Reform

HIGH QUALITY SCHOOL CHOICE

- ✓ Opportunity Scholarships
- ✓ Education Savings Accounts
- ✓ Charter School Financing & Accountability
- ✓ Harbor Master
- ✓ School Culture

COLLEGE, CAREER & COMMUNITY READY

- ✓ College & Career Readiness Grant
- ✓ Career & Technical Education Grant
- ✓ Advanced Placement Grant
- ✓ Expanded Drop Out Prevention
- ✓ NV Ready 21

UNDERPERFORMING SCHOOL TURNAROUND

- ✓ Achievement School District
- ✓ Turnaround Schools Grants
- ✓ Staffing Flexibility (Principal replacement)

Nevada Alignment

- Dramatic change to the federal education landscape
- Alignment across state is our collective priorities
 - 6 Goals
- Aligned to our collective vision
 - 5-Yr Strategic Plan
 - Fastest Improving State in the Nation



Draft State Goals

- Goal Statements
 - All students are proficient in reading by the end of 3rd grade. (3.1.1)
 - All students enter high school with the skills necessary to succeed. (3.1.4) (3.2.2)
 - All students graduate college, career, and community ready. (3.1.2 - 3.1.3) (3.2.3)
 - *All students learn in an environment that is physically, emotionally, and intellectually safe. (4.3.1)*
 - *All students served by effective educators.*
 - Efficient and effective use of public funds in service to students.



Fastest Improving State in the Nation

Measure	From	To (Stretch 2022 or NAEP 2023)
ACT	17.7	18.5 (20)
NAEP Gr 4		
Science	152	147 (149)
Writing	145	151 (153)
Reading	214	220 (222)
Math	234	240 (242)
NAEP Gr 8		
Science	149	152 (153)
Writing	143	147 (149)
Reading	262	266 (269)
Math	272	281 (283)
Smarter	ELA: 48% Math: 34%	ELA: 59% (61%) Math: 39% (41%)
Graduation	72.62%	80% (84%)
Quality EC	12 Centers	30 Centers (40 Centers)
Others under consideration: SpEd Inclusion; AP Part/Pass; WIDA English Lang Acquisition		

Areas For Improvement / Challenges

- Lowest performing state on ACT
- High School Graduates placed into Remedial Math/English
 - 70% Standard Diploma and 39% Advanced Diploma
- General underperformance on NAEP
- Struggling with math at all grade levels
- Achievement Gaps = Opportunity Gaps
- Disproportionate teacher vacancies in poor and diverse schools.



Next Steps

- Stay the Course
 - Modernizing the Nevada Plan
 - Continue Implementation
 - Hold Accountability to Ensure Student Outcomes/Opportunity
- Focus: Workforce Development
 - Diploma = Certificate of Value
 - Focus on post-secondary success, aligned to industry need



Conclusion

Once in a generation opportunity to transform Nevada's education system

- New economy demands it;
- Full suite of education tools to engage in meaningful change; and
- Unprecedented opportunity for alignment across state to address our unique challenges.

