

**How to Support Your Child's Education**  
**Middle School**  
**Grades 6-8**

- Set academic goals with your child.
- Encourage your child to enroll in the most challenging course work throughout middle school, including Algebra in Grade 8.
- Help your child understand the promotion to high school policy. <http://ccsd.net/cpd/guidance/graduation/retention.html>
- Explore middle school and high school magnet school options with you child.
- Attend magnet high school presentations with your child. <http://magnet.ccsd.net>
- Request the Graduate Profile Transitional Planning Guide from your child's counselor prior to high school preregistration and review it together.
- Understand the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Course of Study and how it provides postsecondary educational opportunities as defined in the Graduate Profile Transitional Planning Guide.
- Attend college information programs at your child's school to find out about Nevada colleges and universities.
- Utilize the Nevada Career Information System Junior and the Nevada Career Information System to explore career, college and scholarship information from home using the free Zip Code Access. [www.nvcis.intocareers.org/junior](http://www.nvcis.intocareers.org/junior) or [www.nvcis.intocareers.org](http://www.nvcis.intocareers.org)
- Become involved in school and community-based extracurricular activities with your child.

**Continue to:**

- Promote healthy sleep and eating habits so your child can be rested and well-focused at school.
- Be sure your child attends school regularly and on time.
- Dress your child appropriately for school in compliance with the CCSD Dress Code.
- Assist your child daily with staying organized and time management.
- Schedule a time and provide a quiet area for homework to be completed.
- Provide your child with materials needed to complete assignments (pencils, paper, dictionaries, etc.).
- Request make-up assignments and have your child complete them when absent.
- Stay abreast of your child's weekly progress using the school-based Edline or Intouch online programs.
- Schedule a parent-teacher-student conference to discuss your child's needs to be successful in school.
- Talk about career choices focusing on the level of education needed for specific jobs.
- Investigate college savings plans including the Nevada Pre-Paid Tuition Program. <http://www.nevadatreasurer.gov/millennium>
- Attend and support school-sponsored events.
- Encourage summer reading. <http://www.collegeboard.com>
- Encourage your child to get involved in sports, Boy Scouts/Girl Scouts, church youth groups or other extracurricular activities.