



# WCSD Data Highlights

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## Quick Facts

- ~**61,599** students served in SY 20-21
- 110** schools supported in SY 20-21
- 85%** graduation rate in SY 19-20  
(up from 62% in SY 09-10)
- 50%** of 2020 graduates earned an advanced, College and Career Ready, or Honors Diploma

## Our Teachers

- 3,900+** certified teachers
- 400+** nationally board certified
- 2/3** masters degree or higher
- 1/3** teaching 15+ years

**WCSD's operating cost** per student is **\$9,603**  
**National average** in per pupil funding is **\$12,756\***

\*Source: Nevada Class Sizes and Workforce Needs Analysis completed by Data Insight Partners with Nevada Department of Education data.

## If WCSD were a state...

### Smarter Balanced ELA Performance

**2018:** Ranked *3rd* in 5th grade compared to *8\** other Smarter Balanced Consortium states.

**2019:** Ranked *3rd* in 8th grade compared to *6\** other Smarter Balanced Consortium states.

### Smarter Balanced Math Performance

**2018:** Ranked *3rd* in 5th and 6th grade compared to *8* other Smarter Balanced Consortium states.

**2019:** Ranked *2nd* in 5th and 6th grade compared to *6* other Smarter Balanced Consortium states.

Explore more WCSD Smarter Balanced data at [www.wcsddata.net](http://www.wcsddata.net)

### Advanced Placement Tests

**2020:** Ranked 8th in the nation\* for AP Performance with nearly one-third (29%) of the Class of 2020 passing an AP test with a '3 or higher'.

*--Nearly two-thirds (60%) of our 2020 graduating 12th graders earned credit in an AP or IB course.*

### ACT

**2020:** WCSD's average ACT score was 18.2. This is higher than the Nevada average (17.7). 12 states currently administer ACT universally to all 11th graders. The weighted average ACT score of those states is 19.6. The national average for all ACT test-taking states is 20.7.

\*States used for ELA and Math Smarter Balanced assessment comparisons in 2018 were CA, ID, NV, MT, OR, WA, and WV. ID and WV dropped smarter balanced assessments in 2019. These states were chosen for comparison due to their similar per-pupil funding.

Advanced Placement Tests Source: College Board AP Cohort Data Report, 2020

## Student Growth

A 2018 Stanford study demonstrated that **WCSD outgrew 82% of all districts nationally**. The district had positive growth each of the past three years, and students in elementary school outgrew 55% of their academic peers throughout the state in 2019.

Source: Stanford Center for Education Policy  
<http://cepa.stanford.edu/wp17-12>

## Career & Technical

WCSD has increased its percentage of students accessing career and technical education (CTE) courses annually since 2017. **Nearly one-fourth of our 2020 12th graders completed enough courses to be considered a "CTE Completer."** To be considered a CTE Completer, students must complete 3 years of study in a rigorous curriculum specific to a particular career and technical field.

## National Merit

In SY 20-21, **13 of the 75** National Merit Scholarship semi-finalists in Nevada were WCSD students.