

# Education

## “THE REPORT CARD”

### COMMUNICATION



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Communication, knowing who to talk to and how to contact them, is the key to problem solving within the Clark County School District. The School District system, being the large governing body that it is, could be an easy place for any person to get lost in; thus, causing frustration and ultimately not solving your concerns. If, as parents or citizens, you have questions, listed below is a brief description of various department, the names of contact persons and their telephone numbers.

#### Pupil Personnel Services

Pupil Personnel Services is a department within the Division of Administrative and Special Student Services. Pupil Personnel's main responsibility is to operate Opportunity School and Adult Education.

As schools make referrals for students to attend Opportunity School, Pupil Personnel processes the applications and insures that due process is followed for all students. Expulsions are also handled by Pupil Personnel. These cases involve students who are recommended for expulsion, usually because of drug sales, weapons, or assaults on school personnel.

Adult Education is provided at many sites around the community. The Clark County Evening High School is located at SNVTC, Rancho, and Western. Programs are also provided at Juvenile Court Probation Centers, store fronts, and community agency locations.

Questions about any of the services provided by this Department can be addressed to Vic Gennari, Director, at 736-5228 or Deon Johnson, Assistant Director, at 736-5344.

Special Education

Special Student Services is a department within the Division of Administrative and Special Student Services. This department provides services to children with special needs in all elementary and secondary schools. This department is also responsible for two special education schools for the mentally and physically handicapped. This includes the Helen J. Stewart School for the mentally retarded and Variety School.

In 1975, public law 94-142 was passed requiring very specific services be provided for children who may have learning disabilities and other special education needs. This department provides psychologists to the schools to determine if students are eligible for special services.

In addition, nurses, speech therapists, social workers, and special education consultants are available to help children and teachers. The Academically Talented Program is part of Special Student Services. Homebound services are provided for students who are unable to attend school

because of serious illness or injury. Programs for the orally handicapped and visually impaired are also provided.

Nearly 10,000 students receive special services administered by this Department.

Dr. Don McHenry is the Executive Director for Special Student Services. He can be reached at 736-5471. Tippy Reid is Director of Special Education Services (384-3531) and Judi Steele is Director of Special Education Programs (736-5413).

#### Academically Talented Program

The Academically Talented Program provides extra instruction for students who have high ability and achievement at the elementary and junior high level.

A student may attend the Academically Talented Program after being tested by a school psychologist and with parent permission. A student must score in the upper levels of ability and very high in reading and math.

The Academically Talented Program is designed to provide students experience in critical thinking skills, writing research papers, and exploring areas of student interest in-depth.

Parents of academically talented students are very active and many participate in the Academically Talented Parent Council.

Information on the Academically Talented Program is available through Judi Steele, Director, Special Education Programs, at 736-5413.

## Late Registration at CCCC

Forgot to register at Clark County Community College for the 1985 Summer term? Well, maybe you did not have the money or motivation at the time. Whatever the reason, it's not too late. Late

registration was made for people who could not register at the regular time and late registration is now here — from June 3 through June 7. Many classes are still available. For more

informaton please call 643-0830. It is better late than never — at Clark County Community College — Learn and Live this summer at Clark County Community College.



TRADING PLACES? Rex Bell Elementary School student Michael Riley, right, gets ready to head for the fishin' hole as many students embark on a fun-filled summer vacation while Tanisha Jones represents students who will be returning to the classroom June 10 when summer school begins. For more information about summer school classes call Marsha Overton Morehead at 876-3228.

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