

# CLASS SIZE REDUCTION CONTINUES IN THE FIRST AND SECOND GRADES

**NEVADA** - Students in first and second grade continue to benefit from smaller classes as a result of class size reduction legislation previously approved by the Nevada Legislature.

However, all seventeen school districts in Nevada have requested a waiver from implementing third grade class size reduction for the 1992-93 school year.

Governor Bob Miller asked Nevada school districts to postpone reductions in third grade classes due to the state's current budget crisis.

"We are committed to class size reduction and are extremely disappointed that it will not be available for third graders this year," said Clark County School Superintendent Brian Cram.

"We are part of a team in this

state, and we will do our part to help balance the state's budget.

However, we reserve the right to reinstate the plan for third grade if funds become available."

Local school principals and their staffs continue to work on plans to achieve an average student-teacher ratio of 15:1 in all first- and second-grade classrooms.

Kay Carl, assistant superin-

tendent of elementary education, explained that some schools with large enrollments, classroom space is limited. In those cases, smaller ratios are achieved by two teachers sharing a classroom.

In addition, the new elementary schools opening this year have classrooms designed specifically for class size reduction.

## DISTRICT'S TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT READIES FOR NEW SCHOOL YEAR

Transportation officials are planning routes and inspecting buses in preparation to carry approximately 45,000 Clark County School District students during the 1992-93 school year.

The district's vehicle fleet encompasses 638 buses, of which about 600 are in use at any one time. The district added 70 new buses this year to replace older buses and accommodate increasing enrollment.

Transportation is provided for any student who lives more than two miles from the school for which they are zoned.

The district employs approximately 600 bus drivers who collectively will travel more than 9 million miles this school year.

## CCSN STUDENT LOAN DEFAULT RATE DROPS

The student loan default rate at the Community College of Southern Nevada dropped to an all time low of 3.8% for the year 1990, according to the newest government figures supplied to Dr. Patricia J. Butler, Director of Student Development.

The Official government title for the program is the Cohort Default Rate for the Stafford Guaranteed Loan Program. After recent published reports about extremely high default rates for other institutions, Dr. Butler called the government report, "good news for the Community College of Southern Nevada."

Dr. Butler said that there are only 3 persons in default in the student loan program owing only \$3,463, while 78 students are current with balance of \$197,710 owing.

Default rates are reported based on the previous two years statistics. In 1987 the default rate was 24.2%. In 1989 the

default rate was 19%.

"With a default rate of 3.8% we are ecstatic," Dr. Butler said. "How did we reduce the rate?"

When a student was placed on academic probation, we suspended any more loans to that student. And we wrote to defaulters to remind them of their obligations and responsibility to repay the loan. We have established a Financial Aid Committee that now meets once per month to review petitions for reinstatement from students on financial assistance."

In addition to establishing rules for lending, Dr. Butler said that "we made sure that each student receiving financial aid received the advisement and counseling that they needed to reach their academic or occupational goals."

"It may never be possible to get the default rate down to 0%, but we hope to continue single digit default rates," Dr. Butler said.

## TEACHERS MUST MEET STANDARDS


All Clark County teachers must meet the Nevada Standards for Licensing, which include a bachelor's degree and completion of an approved teacher education program that includes student teaching.

Teaching licenses issued in states with the standards corresponding to those in Nevada are recognized by the Nevada State Department of Education. Nevada does not recognize alternative/emergency licenses or certificates from other states. Teachers must also be in compliance with the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986.

There are several categories of licenses in Nevada, including elementary, secondary and special licenses. Generally, teachers must be licensed in the content areas they would like to teach.

Nevada does required testing for teachers. In most cases, teachers must have passed either the Pre-Professional Skills Test or the California C'Best. In addition, teachers must have taken or be prepared to take the National Teacher Examination in Professional Knowledge and Content Area Tests. Teachers must also take Nevada law, Nevada constitution and U.S. Constitution.

A one-year grace period to complete required testing is given from the date the provisional license is issued. Failure to take these tests within the established time frame may result in voiding of the license, removal from the classroom and withholding of salary.



CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

# Las Vegas, Nevada

**ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS:  
SPECIAL EDUCATION  
SECOND LANGUAGE  
PROGRAM TEACHERS**

The Clark County School District has openings in the special education and second language programs. Second Language Teachers must be TESL endorsed. Bilingual applicants are encouraged to apply.

Special Education Resource Room	K-12
Mentally Challenged (Regular & Specialized)	K-12
Emotionally Handicapped (Regular & Special)	K-12
Learning Disabled (Regular & Specialized)	K-12
Specialized Learning Disabled (Neurological)	K-12
Communicatively Behaviorally Disordered	K-12
Diversely Handicapped	Kindergarten
Special Education Early Childhood	Pre-School
Speech-Language Handicapped	K-12
Traumatic Brain Injured	K-12
Visually Impaired	K-12
Aurally Handicapped (Deaf & Hard of Hearing)	K-12
Occupational Therapist	K-12
Physical Therapist	K-12

**SCHOOL SPECIALISTS:**

**School Psychologist:** MA in School Psychology along with internship or NCSP certification.

**Speech Therapist:** MS in Speech Therapy preferred, CFY available.

**School Nurse:** BA/BS in Nursing through NLN accredited program. Must License RN in Nevada.

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