

Henderson School District Guide

Comprehensive Educational Excellence Analysis for Henderson Families

Executive Summary

Henderson's commitment to educational excellence creates exceptional opportunities for families seeking top-tier education within master-planned communities. With consistently high-performing schools, innovative programs, and strong community support, Henderson area schools provide the foundation for children's academic success and college preparation.

Clark County School District Henderson Area Overview

District Performance and Recognition

Educational Excellence Leadership:

- **State Rankings:** Henderson area schools consistently rank among Nevada's top performers
- **Test Score Performance:** 18% above Nevada state averages across all grade levels
- **Graduation Rates:** 89% high school graduation rate vs. 84% Nevada average
- **College Readiness:** 78% of graduates meet college readiness standards
- **National Recognition:** Multiple schools receiving national blue ribbon and achievement awards
- **Parent Satisfaction:** 92% parent satisfaction rating in annual district surveys

District Investment and Resources:

- **Per-Student Spending:** \$9,200 per student (above Clark County average)
- **Technology Integration:** 1:1 device programs and advanced classroom technology
- **Facilities Investment:** \$450M in new school construction over past 5 years
- **Teacher Quality:** Lower teacher turnover rates and higher qualification levels
- **Special Programs:** Extensive gifted, STEM, and specialized learning programs
- **Community Partnerships:** Strong business and community partnerships supporting education

Elementary Schools Excellence

Top-Rated Elementary Schools

Premier Elementary Education Options:

Vanderburg Elementary School:

- **Rating:** 9/10 (GreatSchools.org) with consistent high performance
- **Enrollment:** 650 students in grades K-5 with optimal class sizes
- **Academic Programs:** Gifted and talented, advanced mathematics, and reading programs
- **Special Features:** STEM integration, arts programs, and technology-rich classrooms
- **Test Scores:** 95th percentile state testing performance
- **Parent Involvement:** Active PTA with 85% parent participation rate

McCaw STEM Elementary:

- **Rating:** 9/10 with specialized STEM focus and innovative curriculum
- **Enrollment:** 580 students with STEM-integrated learning across all subjects
- **Academic Programs:** Science, technology, engineering, and mathematics integration
- **Special Features:** Maker space, robotics lab, and coding programs starting in kindergarten
- **Recognition:** National recognition for STEM education excellence
- **Community Partnerships:** Technology company partnerships providing real-world learning

Tuscany Elementary:

- **Rating:** 8/10 with strong academic performance and community integration
- **Enrollment:** 720 students serving Green Valley Ranch master-planned community
- **Academic Programs:** Advanced reading, mathematics enrichment, and arts integration
- **Special Features:** Outdoor education programs and environmental science focus
- **Test Performance:** Consistent above-average performance on state assessments
- **Community Connection:** Strong community ties and neighborhood school pride

Gordon McCaw Elementary:

- **Rating:** 8/10 with award-winning programs and academic excellence
- **Enrollment:** 680 students with diverse academic and enrichment programs
- **Academic Programs:** Dual language immersion, gifted education, and advanced academics
- **Special Features:** Music and arts programs, library excellence, and technology integration
- **Awards:** Multiple awards for academic achievement and program innovation
- **Family Engagement:** Strong family engagement and volunteer programs

Elementary School Programs and Services

Comprehensive Educational Support:

- **Gifted and Talented Programs:** Advanced academic programs for high-achieving students
- **Special Education Services:** Comprehensive special education and inclusion programs
- **English Language Learning:** Support programs for English language learners
- **Reading Intervention:** Specialized reading support and intervention programs
- **Mathematics Enhancement:** Advanced mathematics and problem-solving programs
- **Arts Integration:** Music, visual arts, and performing arts programs

After-School and Enrichment Programs:

- **Extended Learning:** After-school academic support and homework assistance
- **STEM Clubs:** Science, technology, engineering, and mathematics clubs and competitions
- **Sports and Recreation:** Youth sports leagues and recreational activities
- **Arts and Culture:** Music lessons, art classes, and cultural enrichment programs
- **Leadership Development:** Student government and leadership skill development
- **Community Service:** Service learning and community involvement programs

Middle School Excellence

High-Performing Middle Schools

Award-Winning Middle School Education:

Robert Taylor Elementary/Middle School:

- **Rating:** 8/10 serving grades K-8 with comprehensive academic programs
- **Enrollment:** 850 students with middle school grades 6-8 focus
- **Academic Programs:** Pre-algebra, advanced English, and science programs
- **Special Features:** Technology integration and career exploration programs
- **Test Performance:** Above-average performance on state middle school assessments
- **Transition Support:** Strong high school preparation and transition programs

Lied Middle School:

- **Rating:** 7/10 with strong academic programs and student support
- **Enrollment:** 950 students with comprehensive middle school programming
- **Academic Programs:** Advanced mathematics, English, and science courses
- **Special Features:** Band, orchestra, and performing arts programs
- **Athletics:** Competitive sports programs and physical education excellence

- **Student Activities:** Extensive club and extracurricular activity options

Brown Middle School:

- **Rating:** 8/10 with innovative programs and academic achievement
- **Enrollment:** 1,100 students with diverse academic and enrichment opportunities
- **Academic Programs:** Honors courses, advanced placement preparation, and STEM focus
- **Special Features:** Robotics teams, science olympiad, and academic competitions
- **Recognition:** Awards for academic achievement and program innovation
- **College Preparation:** Strong foundation for high school and college success

Middle School Program Features

Comprehensive Middle School Education:

- **Advanced Academics:** Honors and accelerated courses in core subjects
- **Elective Options:** Extensive elective courses in arts, technology, and career exploration
- **Athletics Programs:** Competitive sports teams and physical fitness programs
- **Performing Arts:** Band, orchestra, choir, and theater programs
- **Student Leadership:** Student government and leadership development opportunities
- **Academic Support:** Tutoring, study skills, and academic intervention programs

High School Excellence

Premier High School Options

Award-Winning High School Education:

Foothill High School:

- **Rating:** 8/10 with comprehensive college preparatory programs
- **Enrollment:** 2,800 students with extensive course offerings and programs
- **Academic Programs:** 25+ Advanced Placement courses and dual enrollment options
- **Graduation Rate:** 92% graduation rate with 85% college enrollment
- **Special Programs:** International Baccalaureate, STEM academy, and career pathways
- **Recognition:** National recognition for academic excellence and college preparation

Green Valley High School:

- **Rating:** 8/10 with strong academic programs and community involvement
- **Enrollment:** 2,600 students with comprehensive educational and activity programs
- **Academic Programs:** Advanced Placement, honors courses, and career technical education

- **Athletics Excellence:** State championship teams and competitive athletic programs
- **Performing Arts:** Award-winning music, theater, and arts programs
- **Community Partnerships:** Business partnerships providing internships and career opportunities

Coronado High School:

- **Rating:** 7/10 with diverse program offerings and student support
- **Enrollment:** 2,400 students with comprehensive high school programming
- **Academic Programs:** College preparatory courses and career technical education
- **Special Features:** Aviation program, health sciences academy, and business programs
- **Student Activities:** Extensive club and organization options for student engagement
- **College Counseling:** Comprehensive college and career counseling services

Liberty High School:

- **Rating:** 8/10 with modern facilities and innovative programming
- **Enrollment:** 2,200 students with state-of-the-art facilities and technology
- **Academic Programs:** Advanced coursework and specialized career academy programs
- **Technology Integration:** Comprehensive technology integration and digital learning
- **New Facilities:** Modern facilities with advanced laboratories and learning spaces
- **Community Engagement:** Strong community partnerships and service learning programs

High School Advanced Programs

College and Career Preparation:

- **Advanced Placement (AP):** 20+ AP courses across all academic disciplines
- **Dual Enrollment:** College courses available through College of Southern Nevada
- **International Baccalaureate:** Rigorous international curriculum and assessment
- **Career Technical Education:** Specialized programs in health sciences, business, and technology
- **Honors Programs:** Accelerated and enriched coursework for high-achieving students
- **STEM Academies:** Specialized science, technology, engineering, and mathematics programs

Student Support and Enrichment:

- **College Counseling:** Comprehensive college application and financial aid support
- **Academic Tutoring:** Peer tutoring and academic support programs
- **Mental Health Services:** School counselors and mental health support resources
- **Career Exploration:** Internships, job shadowing, and career exploration programs
- **Leadership Development:** Student government and leadership skill development

- **Service Learning:** Community service and civic engagement opportunities

Private and Charter School Options

Premier Private Schools

Educational Choice and Excellence:

The Meadows School:

- **Grades:** Pre-K through 12th grade college preparatory education
- **Enrollment:** 850 students with small class sizes and individualized attention
- **Academic Excellence:** 100% college acceptance rate with average SAT scores 200+ points above national average
- **Programs:** Advanced Placement, honors courses, and specialized academic programs
- **Facilities:** 40-acre campus with state-of-the-art facilities and technology
- **Tuition:** \$18,500-\$24,000 annually depending on grade level

American Heritage Academy:

- **Educational Philosophy:** Classical education with strong academic standards
- **Grades:** K-12 with classical curriculum and traditional educational approach
- **Academic Programs:** Latin, classical literature, and advanced mathematics programs
- **Character Development:** Strong emphasis on character development and moral education
- **Small Classes:** Average class size 15 students with individualized instruction
- **Tuition:** \$8,500-\$12,000 annually with financial assistance available

Henderson International School:

- **Program Focus:** International Baccalaureate Primary Years Programme
- **Grades:** Pre-K through 5th grade with international curriculum
- **Language Programs:** Spanish and Mandarin language instruction
- **Global Perspective:** International curriculum with global awareness focus
- **Academic Excellence:** Above-average test scores and college preparation
- **Tuition:** \$12,000-\$15,000 annually with international programming

Charter School Innovation

High-Quality Charter School Options:

Pinecrest Academy Henderson:

- **Educational Model:** College preparatory charter school with innovative approaches
- **Grades:** K-12 with comprehensive educational programming

- **Academic Performance:** Above-average test scores and college preparation
- **Programs:** STEM focus, arts integration, and advanced academic programs
- **School Choice:** Tuition-free public charter school with application process
- **Community:** Strong parent involvement and community engagement

Somerset Academy Sky Pointe:

- **Educational Philosophy:** High expectations and rigorous academic standards
- **Grades:** K-12 with college preparatory focus
- **Academic Programs:** Advanced coursework and specialized academic tracks
- **Performance:** Consistent high performance on state assessments
- **Innovation:** Innovative teaching methods and technology integration
- **Enrollment:** Application-based admission with waiting lists

Nevada State High School (Henderson Campus):

- **Unique Model:** Early college high school with university partnerships
- **Program:** Students earn high school diploma and associate degree simultaneously
- **Academic Rigor:** College-level coursework beginning in 9th grade
- **College Partnership:** Partnership with Nevada State College
- **Student Profile:** High-achieving students seeking accelerated academic programs
- **Outcomes:** 100% college acceptance with significant college credits earned

Special Programs and Services

Gifted and Talented Education

Advanced Academic Programs:

- **Identification Process:** Comprehensive assessment and identification procedures
- **Elementary Programs:** Pullout programs and differentiated instruction
- **Middle School Options:** Accelerated courses and advanced academic tracks
- **High School Programs:** Honors, AP, and specialized academic programs
- **Enrichment Activities:** Academic competitions, camps, and enrichment opportunities
- **Teacher Training:** Specialized training for teachers of gifted students

Special Education Services

Comprehensive Special Education Support:

- **Individualized Programs:** Individualized Education Programs (IEPs) for students with disabilities

- **Inclusion Programs:** Inclusive classroom settings with support services
- **Specialized Services:** Speech therapy, occupational therapy, and specialized instruction
- **Transition Services:** Career and life skills preparation for students with disabilities
- **Parent Support:** Parent training and support services
- **Professional Staff:** Certified special education teachers and support specialists

English Language Learning

Comprehensive ELL Support:

- **ESL Programs:** English as a Second Language instruction and support
- **Bilingual Education:** Dual language programs and bilingual instruction options
- **Cultural Support:** Cultural sensitivity and family engagement programs
- **Academic Support:** Additional academic support for English language learners
- **Family Engagement:** Parent education and family involvement programs
- **Community Resources:** Community partnerships supporting immigrant families

School Selection and Enrollment Guide

School Boundary and Enrollment Information

Understanding School Assignment:

- **Attendance Zones:** Schools assigned based on residential address within attendance boundaries
- **Boundary Maps:** Detailed maps available showing school attendance zones
- **New Construction:** New developments may have temporary school assignments
- **School Choice Options:** Limited school choice options within district policies
- **Enrollment Procedures:** Registration procedures and required documentation
- **Timeline:** Enrollment timelines and deadlines for new students

Home Buying and School Considerations

Strategic Home Selection for School Access:

- **School Quality Research:** Research school ratings, test scores, and programs before home selection
- **Attendance Zone Verification:** Verify school assignments for specific addresses
- **Future Development:** Consider potential school boundary changes with new development
- **Grade Level Planning:** Consider school options for all children's grade levels
- **Transportation:** Consider walking distance and transportation options

- **Resale Value:** School quality significantly impacts home values and resale potential

Private School Considerations

Private School Selection Factors:

- **Educational Philosophy:** Research educational approaches and philosophies
- **Academic Programs:** Evaluate available programs and academic rigor
- **Admission Requirements:** Understand application processes and requirements
- **Financial Considerations:** Tuition costs and financial assistance options
- **Location and Transportation:** Consider location and transportation needs
- **Community Fit:** Evaluate school culture and community fit for family

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