



CRA Chronicles



Career Readiness Academy
(719) 579-2580



From the Principal's Desk

Dear CRA Parents and Students,

Welcome to Spring! It's finally here and exciting times are upon us. Testing, Prom, Final Exams, and yes Graduation!

It seems as if we were just celebrating Christmas and fall break! The year has gone rapidly and yet we have lots of work to do. We are extremely excited about our upcoming class of 2024 graduates. Our students need to stay focused and up for the academic tasks ahead. Attendance with fidelity is paramount and student engagement is a must during these last few months of school. Below is a list of DO'S and DON'TS for CRA students to end the school year.

Career Readiness Academy will also be offering summer school sessions starting June 3rd. We highly encourage all students to attend at least one session of summer enrichment to better their educational endeavor.

Hope to see you all at graduation! GO RAVENS!!!!

DO'S

- Continue to work hard in the classroom
- Complete assigned classes
- Consistent Attendance
- Be on time to class
- Be a positive effect on others
- Participate in Standardized Testing
- Finish strong
- GRADUATE

DON'TS

- Stop working
- Stop engaging in class
- Stop attending school
- Don't engage in distracting activities

Terry Dunn, Principal

STUDENT ATTENDANCE

Your students enrollment at CRA may be at risk due to excessive absences, tardies, or lack of progress. The biggest factor in your student's success is regular and punctual attendance. Frequent tardiness or absence can quickly interfere with a student's progress and result in poor academic work. We have been working hard with students to impress upon them the importance of getting to school and class on time. A tardy that is 10 minutes or more becomes an absence for the class. After the third absence with no parent contact, class accounts will be deactivated and will not be reactivated until a parent conference is held.

Please remember to call 579-2580 and excuse your son/daughter when they are absent. Students are allowed 10 parent excused absences within a school year. This does not include absences that are excused with professional documentation. Once a student has reached their 10 days of parent excused absences, additional absences will be unexcused unless professional documentation is provided by a medical provider, court documentation etc.

DISTRICT UNEXCUSED ABSENCE POLICY

- (3) Unexcused absences = call home, conference with student.
- (5) Unexcused absences = call home, conference with parents, student may be placed on an attendance contract .
- (7) Unexcused absences = District Attendance letter will be sent home informing the parent/guardian that they are in danger of being referred to truancy court. An administrator will hold a meeting with the parent/guardian to review the content of the letter.
- (10) or more unexcused absences = the student will be referred to the Compulsory Attendance Officer, who will notify of the process for referral to truancy court if any more unexcused absences occur.

Dates to Remember

- Mar 25 - 29 - SPRING BREAK
- Mar 29 - District Closed
- Apr 26 - District Closed / Prom
- May 16 - Grad Class Completion DEADLINE
- May 22 - Graduation Practice @ SHS Time TBA
- May 23 - Graduation 11:00 a.m. World Arena

Attendance/La Asistencia



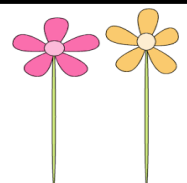
Parents/Guardians, please remember to call each time your child is going to be absent. If you do not call, absences are marked as unexcused. (719) 579-2580

Padres, si su hijo/a va a llegar tarde o va a estar ausente, por favor llame a la oficina 579-2580 lo antes posible. Puede dejar un mensaje.

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Spring
Is
Here!!



CRA Classroom News

CRA Night School Update with Ms. McKinnon and Mr. Tsambarlis

Night school continues to grow as new students continue to join us. Students have been working hard to complete classes and further their credit count toward graduation! This week, The Sun, an online newspaper based out of Denver, Colorado came to visit night school. Students and staff were interviewed about the impact of night school and what it means to have a program like night school available to the community as a resource for students for whom a regular classroom setting just did not work.

Night school has had three students graduate so far since January when the 2nd semester started and a total of 104 classes have been completed by night school students this semester as well. Students have approximately 37 school days left this semester to push themselves to complete more classes and gain those credits toward graduation! Let's go Night School Ravens!!

Ms. McKinnon - Career Education

Happenings in room Ms. Kate's room! We are closing in on the end the year with amazing progress!

- After the winter break, three students took part in interviews with community partners. They have all secured internships within the district and the community. They are learning new skills to benefit their education and work experience after graduation.
- Two of the same students were also offered employment after school in the community, where they are gaining valuable work experience outside of the classroom.
- The 5th hexter of the 2023-2024 school year started on February 26th and students have finished 24 career and elective classes so far, this hexter.
- Students continue to work on building resumes and ask for help with job applications which has led to several students gaining part-time employment this semester so far!



My student spotlight is Daniella Paredes Gomez! Daniella is an exemplary student who is always actively engaged and present during class. She has taken on the challenge of an internship this semester, where she is gaining valuable real-life skills and interacting with the community. Additionally, Daniella has enrolled in an elective course where she is learning about students with disabilities while working as a student aide alongside them. Daniella actively seeks answers to career questions and attends presentations and field trips to grow personally and academically. Daniella is an asset to anything she is involved with.

Social Worker ~ Miss Nikki Oliphant

This quarter, students were able to focus on improving academic progress and continued having brain breaks. Students are able to take breaks from their classroom for a designated time depending on class progress and it has really helped to increase motivation. These breaks include completing puzzles, coloring, playing board games, and playing with stress balls.

During these breaks, I am able to build a positive relationship with the students where they feel comfortable being in a safe space. I look forward to conducting lessons for students to learn more about positive coping skills and community resources as they prepare for adulthood. As always, please reach out to me with any questions or needs such as food, housing, clothing, mental health, etc. I would be more than happy to help!

Counselor's Corner... Ms. Melva Hall

The time is winding down. We can now see the light at the end of the tunnel! Please check in with your student regarding their work progress. Classes must be completed by Thursday, May 16 to be included in the Graduation Program! Class of 2024 parents, please make sure your graduate is meeting graduation requirements by contacting Ms. Hall at (719) 579-2092 before ordering senior packets.

Testing

- CMAS Testing for **8th grade and 11th grade** - April 2, 2024
- SAT Testing for **11th Grade** - April 17, 2024
- PSAT Testing for **10th Grade** - April 18, 2024
- PSAT Testing for **9th Grade** - April 19, 2024

Class of 2024 Graduate Check out is **May 16, 2024, time will be announced.** (Pick up Cap and Gown)

- Everyone must have a cap and gown to participate in the graduation ceremony.
- Order at jostens.com Choose Career Readiness Academy in Colorado Springs
- Height and weight information is required.
- Email Mr. Adducci if you have questions at joe.adducci@jostens.com

Graduation

- Thursday, **May 23, 2024, at 11:00 a.m.** at The World Arena
- Last day of school - Wednesday, May 22, 2024

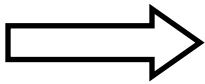
CRA Classroom News

Mr. Jensen— English Language Arts

The spotlight of the English classroom of CRA shines on Ailani Trejo. When Ailani first came to my classroom, she struggled with motivation. English coursework is difficult, and every student struggles with it at times but Ailani didn't let that stop her. She asked for help in the classroom, she got tutoring after school and spent extra time at home working on English. By the start of school in August, Ailani's hard work had started to pay off. This year, Ailani's progress has been impressive. As her skill and excellence have grown, so have her motivation and performance on English tasks. Not only has the quantity of her work improved, but the quality as well. Ailani has demonstrated an important fact about English and any other task in life: No one starts out excellent, but excellence is achievable by those who are willing to put in the work.

Ailani is not the only student to grow and excel this year. She is just one example of the hard work CRA students put in. I am excited to see motivation and hard work continue to pay off for our students as the school year comes to an end.

Mr. Delos Reyes Science & Social Studies



Hey Ravens!

It has been a rollercoaster of a first semester, right? I hope we continue to do well, and you get those credits! Just a quick shoutout to Richard Sprankel Jr. for being one of my top students in class. It's been an absolute pleasure having you in my class. Your dedication to learning, thoughtful contributions, and genuine curiosity make teaching a rewarding experience. Keep nurturing your passion for knowledge and creativity—it's a joy to witness your growth. I look forward to seeing the incredible impact you'll undoubtedly make in the future. The journey of learning is a lifelong adventure, and you're on a remarkable path.

To your fellow Ravens, you are doing the best you can and know that your effort will lead you to your success. Always remember, the sky is too wide that the birds can fly without touching themselves. Go and fly high Ravens!



Mr. Gallegos – Math

Congrats to our Student Spotlights!

Danielle Paredes Gomez
Richard Sprankel, Jr.
Ailani Trejo
Aviance Wilson

Read about them in the
teacher sections of the
Newsletter!

This year continues to be one of the most successful years at CRA, with math class completions at an all time high! I know that Math can be a difficult subject for many but it is always good to remember that Math is essential to carry out important tasks in our everyday lives. Students always have 3 options to choose to work from; Edmentum, IXL, or worksheets. I hope these options can help alleviate academic stress and increase student autonomy where they can take control of their education. Students can work at their own pace and show mastery of the fundamentals at a high school level to align with the Colorado Standards.

I want to give a shout-out to our junior Aviance Wilson for making tremendous progress in all of her Math classes this year. The beauty of our program is if a student is focused and hard working like Aviance, any student would not only be caught up with Math but with any course offered at CRA.

It is important to contact teachers and administrators for communication and support. My email is magallegos@hsd2.org if you have any questions.

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District Corner News - March 2024

- **We are excited to announce our upcoming D2 Job Fair!**

Saturday, April 13, 9 am - 12 pm at Mountain Vista Community School (2550 Dorset Drive). Hiring administrators will be on-hand to interview for open positions in the District. Please bring copies of your resume.

Also, visit our [jobs portal](#) for current openings.

- The School Choice and Open Enrollment Window is still open for the 2024-2025 school year! If you would like to request that your student attend a school other than the attendance area for your address, please do so immediately. Parents are notified of their status within one week. Choice forms are available on the HSD2 website, at your campus or in the Student Support office at the District Administration Building.
- Kindergarten Registration events will be held April 17 and July 22 between noon and 7 p.m. at the D2 Administration Building, 1060 Harrison Road. Your child must be 5 years old by October 1, 2024, to attend Kindergarten next year. If you know which school you wish to send your incoming kindergarten student to, you may register them now at the District office or attend one of our events for more information.

Questions? Call Student Support at 719-579-2554.

Esquina de Noticias del Distrito - marzo 2024

¡Nos complace anunciar próximas ferias de empleo D2!

- Sábado, 13 de abril, 9 am - 12 pm en la escuela comunitaria Mountain Vista (2550 Dorset Drive). Los administradores de contratación estarán disponibles para entrevistas para puestos vacantes en el Distrito. Por favor traiga copias de su currículum.

Además, visite nuestro portal de empleos para conocer las vacantes actuales.

- El periodo de Elección Escolar (School Choice) y de Inscripción Abierta (Open Enrollment) todavía está abierta para el año escolar 2024 – 2025. Se les informara a los padres si su solicitud es aceptada o no dentro de una semana. Los formularios de solicitud están disponibles en el sitio web de D2, en su plantel o en la Oficina de Apoyo de Estudiantes (Student Support Office) en el edificio de administración del Distrito 2 De Harrison.
- Miradita al kinder e inscripciones – Las inscripciones del distrito para kinder tendran lugar el 17 de abril hasta el 22 de julio de las 12 p.m. hasta las 7 p.m. en las oficinas del distrito, ubicadas en 1060 Harrison Rd.

**Congratulations to our
Class of 2024
Early Graduates!**

GO RAVENS!!



Angel Barron
Le'Azia Brandt
Kyzhaneyah Buford
Daezere Drain
David Flores
Alexander Garcia
Jessica Garcia
Jessica Garcia
Lanessa Huery
Calvin Johnson
Asia'Nae Jones-Robinson
Natavius Lemuel
Taylor Marshall
Aviance Wilson