



# Craig City School District

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Dear CCSD Parents, Guardians, Families & School Community,

As CCSD gears up for the 2025–2026 school year, we're proud to share updates regarding CCSD Staffing and the CEMS Rehabilitation Project. Both mark exciting progress for our schools and our community.

## \*\*\*CCSD Certified Staffing for 2025–2026 School Year\*\*\*

Due to some staff reassignments as well as new hires, please see the following list of teaching assignments for the upcoming school year to highlight the dedicated educators serving our students this coming year.

### CCSD Craig Elementary School Teachers

- **Kindergarten/1<sup>st</sup> Grade** – Grace Beckman
- **1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> Grade** – Vanessa James
- **3<sup>rd</sup> Grade** – Dior Vaughan
- **4<sup>th</sup> Grade** – Bernie Grieve
- **5<sup>th</sup> Grade** – Mike Nelson
- **Title I** – Tricia Stock

### CCSD Craig Middle School Teachers

- **English/Science** – Bill Seibel
- **Mathematics/Science** – Marsha Browder
- **Social Studies/Science** – James Anderson

### CCSD Craig High School Teachers

- **English** – Chrissy Kensinger
- **Mathematics** – Nicole Nelson
- **Social Studies/Spanish** – Shelby Beck
- **Science** – Stephen DeHart
- **Welding** – Earl Jeffrey

### CCSD Shared Teachers

- **K–12 Health/PE** – John Morgan
- **K–12 Music** – Rachael Balcom
- **K–12 Native Arts** – Ronnie Fairbanks

### CCSD Special Programs Teachers

- **CES/CMS Special Education** – Kathy Freeman
- **CMS/CHS Special Education** – Margaret Gore
- **K–12 Counselor** – Melissa Peavey

### CCSD PACE Statewide Homeschool Correspondence Teachers

- **PACE Contact Teacher @ Craig** – Robert Jeffrey
- **PACE Contact Teacher @ Wasilla** – Cassie Kinsland
- **PACE Contact Teachers @ Anchorage** – Kimberly McMillian & Mikal Sparkman
- **PACE Contact Special Education Teacher** – Bobbie Duerksen

### School Administration

Principal, Christy House - **Craig Elementary School & Craig Middle School**

Principal, Josh Andrews - **Craig High School & PACE Statewide Homeschool Correspondence School**

We are grateful for our returning staff and are extremely excited to welcome new members to the CCSD Panther Family. Together with our families, we aim to create a positive, engaging, and successful school year for each and every one of our students.

Our students will be lifelong learners who will be resilient, compassionate, self-sufficient members of society. CCSD will provide an environment that empowers every student, every day to transfer their learning to life.

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### **\*\*\*CEMS Rehabilitation Project Update\*\*\***

As you may recall, our major renovation - ranked #1 on the state's FY 2025 Major Maintenance Capital Improvement Project (CIP) Grant list - has been and is well underway.

#### **Craig Elementary School Renovations**

Craig Elementary School is in the midst of exciting improvements, including upgrades to the office, commons, and restrooms, along with new HVAC and fire alarm systems. The project remains on track to wrap up by August 27, 2025 - just in time to give staff *a few precious days* 😊 to prepare for the first day of school on September 2nd!

#### **Craig Middle School Renovations**

Craig Middle School is undergoing a full renovation - modernizing the entire building except for the gym and ensuring full ADA compliance. As a reminder, during the 2025–2026 school year, CMS students will attend classes in modular buildings while construction continues. Completion is currently projected for February 17, 2026. However, this timeline may shift due to unexpected issues, including rot discovered in beams and trusses in the galley section of the middle school roof. A structural engineer is currently developing plans to address these concerns and ensure the building's long-term stability and safety of our students and staff.

Please remember that CMS parking lots and campus continue to remain closed until further notice. We appreciate your flexibility and patience as we complete these important upgrades to our school facilities. We will continue to share updates, so please watch for our CCSD Facebook posts and be sure check your email around mid-August.

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Wishing everyone a safe, relaxing, and enjoyable remainder of summer break! CCSD is excited for the 2025 - 2026 school year – we are all looking forward to welcoming our students back when **school opens on September 2, 2025.**

Warm regards,



Jackie Hanson  
Superintendent, Craig City School District