



PIONEER ACADEMY

Application for Admission to Pioneer Academy

Consortium of Online Schools (Grades 6-12) for the 2023-2024 School Year

Pioneer Academy is a consortium of two schools: Pioneer Online Middle School (6th – 8th grades), and Pioneer High School, a fully accredited high school serving 9th – 12th grades in both traditional campus and online options.

The Pioneer Academy consortium of schools prepares students for college and career readiness in an online educational environment by providing flexible, non-traditional scheduling options. Online school students and guardians typically are motivated, independent learners who can generally advocate for themselves. As the majority of the curriculum is online, students need to be at or near grade-level and possess good reading comprehension skills to be successful in an online environment.

Due to limited availability, Pioneer Academy will only be accepting applications between April through August. Once capacity has been reached, additional applicants will be placed on a wait-list.

If you apply and are accepted in the Pioneer Academy, you will be expected to attend for a **minimum of one year**. If you choose to leave within that year, you will need your zoned school principal and the Pioneer Academy principal approval to transfer.

Applications must be submitted prior to the upcoming school year. Applications received after seats are filled may be placed on a wait list.

APPLICATION INFORMATION

APPLICANT

1. Review the Pioneer Academy information at the (website).
2. Complete the Pioneer Academy Application digitally or print and complete by hand.
3. Email (email address) or deliver your completed application to the Pioneer Academy office at 202 E. Corbett St. prior to the final due date in April to August between 7:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

PIONEER ACADEMY (What we will do)

4. Pioneer Academy will seek the approval from the administration from your current school.
5. Pioneer Academy will obtain your test scores, attendance, transcript, and current grades from your current CCSD school. **If you are not currently a student in the Carson City School District, you will need to provide these documents with your application.*
6. Pioneer Academy will review your application and notify you of your acceptance status.

HIGH SCHOOL ONLINE ENVIRONMENT

- 5 days per week, approximately 30 hours/week, daily activities required
- Minimum Courses at a Time, (Range 4-7)
- Online Format: Full-time online program with weekly ZOOM contact with all course teachers
- Online work is completed remotely. Testing is completed on the PHS campus when notified.

MIDDLE SCHOOL ONLINE ENVIRONMENT

- 5 days per week, approximately 30 hours/week, daily activities required
- Minimum Courses at a Time, (Range 4-7)
- Online Format: Full-time online program with weekly ZOOM contact with all course teachers
- Online work is completed remotely. Testing is completed on a CCSD campus when notified.

PARENT/GUARDIAN/STUDENT INVOLVEMENT

- Parent/Guardian Hours of support per week: *MS 2-4hrs per day/HS 2-5 hrs per week*
- Student Hours of online participation per week: MS/HS (30hrs per week)
- Student contact time:
 - Middle School 2 days per week
 - High School 1 day per week

TESTING

Pioneer Academy students are required to come on campus for all CCSD and High Stakes testing. You will be notified for testing windows. High school and middle school students will be testing on the Pioneer High School campus. The dates and times will be shared with parent/guardian and students.

ACCEPTANCE CRITERIA

Online education requires a strong degree of focus, determination, self-motivation, and independence on the part of both the student and his/her parent or guardian; therefore, acceptance to Pioneer Academy will be based on several factors.

1. Students are expected to be “at grade level.” This is determined by reviewing test scores, grades, and credit accrual (middle and high school). A GPA of at least 2.0 is recommended for MS/HS.
2. Previous attendance: Online students are required to maintain current status with all courses, as well as participate with virtual teacher contact on a regular basis. Attendance history provides insight into a student and family’s commitment to education.
3. Approval from the student’s current school administration
4. Previous performance with online education (if applicable)
5. Continuation in the full time online school is dependent on successful completion of all criteria. Students who are not successful may need to re-apply for the next school year.

NOTE: If for any reason you feel your child may struggle with any of these criteria, please provide written documentation from an appropriate source and a letter of explanation for consideration of a possible exception.

Select the school and grade level you are applying to:

Pioneer Online Middle School

6th 7th 8th



Pioneer High School (Online)

9th 10th 11th 12th



Please complete the following information (*Required)

Student's Legal Last Name*

Student's Legal First Name*

Student's CCSD ID Number*

Parent/Guardian Full Name*

Parent/Guardian email*

Parent/Guardian Phone #*

Home Address*

City, State, Zip Code*

Mailing Address (If different from physical Home address)

City, State, Zip Code*

Current School*

Zoned School*

Current Grade Level*

STUDENT VOICE ESSAY

Online schooling is a very different style of learning. It takes dedication and a desire to be a self-motivated student. Our student voice essay gives each applicant the opportunity to talk about themselves, their goals, why they feel this type of school would be a good fit for them, how they plan on managing their time and academic work, and what resources they have available to support them in an online environment. We take your personal voice very seriously at Pioneer Academy. This is your opportunity to tell your story!

- **Middle School and High School: (MS Page 7), (HS Page 5)** Middle and High School students MUST complete the Student Voice Essay themselves. Not only does the Student Voice Essay provide the information stated above, but it also demonstrates the student's writing ability.

PARENT CONTRACT:

Review Website Link (<http://pioneer.carsoncityschools.com/>) for Parent/Guardian Accord, Expectations, and Orientation.

Acceptance is based on criteria set by the CCSD. All approved applicants are provisionally accepted, dependent upon their final grades, attendance, credit accrual or minimum grade level expectations, and state test scores. **When you decide to attend the CCSD Pioneer Academy, you are committing to a 1 year minimum contract and are expected to remain in this program.** Administrative approval from your zoned school will be required to return to your zoned school. CCSD reserves the right to make the appropriate academic placement to ensure progress towards promotion or graduation. Online students are required to take all testing on campus as notified. Students are to follow all Laws, CCSD Policies, and Pioneer Academy Rules and Expectations.

Parent Signature _____ Printed Name: _____

STUDENT CONTRACT:

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When you decide to attend the CCSD Pioneer Academy, you are committing to a 1 year minimum contract and are expected to remain in this program. Administrative approval from your zoned school will be required to return to your zoned school. CCSD reserves the right to make the appropriate academic placement to ensure progress towards promotion/graduation. Online students are required to take all testing on campus as notified. Students are to follow all Laws, CCSD Policies, and Pioneer Academy Rules and Expectations.

Student Signature _____ Printed Name: _____

Please Read and Initial All of the Following

ZONE VARIANCES

___ Parent/Guardian Initial **What if my student needs a variance?** The Pioneer Academy follows the CCSD zone variance policy.

ENROLLMENT

___ Parent/Guardian Initial **Enrollment is a Commitment:** Acceptance is a commitment and enrollment will continue from year to year provided the student continues to meet the grade, credit, GPA, and CCSD behavior requirements as stated. Students not meeting these requirements will be notified of probationary status and subsequent revocation of attendance privileges, if applicable. All Students must log into all of their classes and complete work and assessments each week during the first four weeks of school to maintain full time status. Students who do not maintain the attendance requirements may be referred back to their zone school.

TRANSPORTATION

____ Parent/Guardian Initial The parent/guardian is responsible for providing transportation to and from the Pioneer Academy for application, registration, orientations, etc. Students must come to their assigned school location for all mandated testing and when attendance is requested by the teacher. If concurrently enrolled with their zoned school, students/families are responsible for all transportation to and from their zoned school. Transportation is provided for those beyond the established CCSD walking zone. Pioneer Academy students can also utilize CCSD bus routes for high stakes testing.

ACTIVITIES

____ Parent/Guardian Initial **Student Involvement in Zoned School:** Students may be concurrently enrolled in 1 to 2 classes in their zone school. Many students choose to participate in CTE, GATE, athletics, music, art, or theatre. Students may take electives at their zoned school that are not offered at Pioneer Academy or classes that can provide educational support as needed due to an IEP, 504, or ELL services. Students will be expected to maintain attendance and grades at both schools as required by District policy or state law. Students are encouraged to stay active both at Pioneer Online Academy and their zone school if applicable. (i.e. leadership, dances, academic Olympics) Students enrolled at Pioneer Academy concurrently with their zone school are considered full time Pioneer Academy students. Graduates will earn their diploma from Pioneer High School and will be eligible to participate in the PHS graduation ceremony only, and not that of their zoned school.

ATHLETIC POLICY

____ Parent/Guardian Initial **Athletic Policy:** Student athletes attending Pioneer Academy are able to participate in any sanctioned sport offered at their zoned school. Pioneer Academy is an NCAA approved online course provider. Students must abide by the regulations of enrollment. Students must maintain full enrollment in the plan of study designated by the school and the zoned school with which they are affiliated. Enrollment will be reevaluated each semester. Student athletic participation in their zone school is subject to zone school approval and is limited to the sanctioned sports offered by the zone school.

WITHDRAWAL FROM THE ACADEMY

____ Parent/Guardian Initial **Withdraw:** Students may only voluntarily withdraw at the end of the school year. If a situation arises for a student to withdraw prior to the end of a semester the parent/guardian will be required to arrange a meeting with Pioneer Academy counselor prior to withdrawing. The zoned school principal and Pioneer Academy principal will both need to approve the transfer.

TECHNOLOGY

____ Parent/Guardian Initial **Technology:** Each student attending Pioneer Academy must have access to high speed internet. Due to the challenging online curriculum there is not time for computer sharing. All CCSD students will be provided with a Chromebook device.

As the parent/guardian of (Student's Name) _____, I understand my time commitment of, 2-4hrs per day for Middle School, or 2-5hrs per week for High School. I have also read and completed this application with my child. And we understand the student time commitment of approximately 30hrs per week. By signing below, we are stating that we understand all of the aforementioned criteria, and that all information provided is current and correct to the best of our ability.

Students Signature: _____ *Date:* _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ *Date:* _____