



February 2025

Encompass Academy Newsletter

Encompass Academy's Mission:

Guiding students to bright futures by focusing on academic achievement, personal pathways, enrichment, and social-emotional learning.

The Encompass FIRE

Encompass Scholars show the following qualities:

Fearlessness

Integrity

Resourcefulness

Endurance

Upcoming events

2/10/25 - Professional Development, no school

2/17/25 - President's Day, no school

2/20/25 - Family Dinner at 5:30 pm

2/22/25 - Open House at 2:00 pm

2/28/25 - ACT Bootcamp at 1:00 pm

February Focus

The second semester is off to a great start, and students are settling into their new schedules and connecting with teachers. With fresh classes and opportunities, this is a time for students to build on their progress and set goals for the rest of the year. February brings a renewed focus on academic growth, personal pathways, and enrichment. We're proud of our students' dedication as they take on new challenges. Thank you for your ongoing support in making Encompass Academy a welcoming community. We look forward to a successful semester and sharing all the great things ahead!



Classroom Spotlight

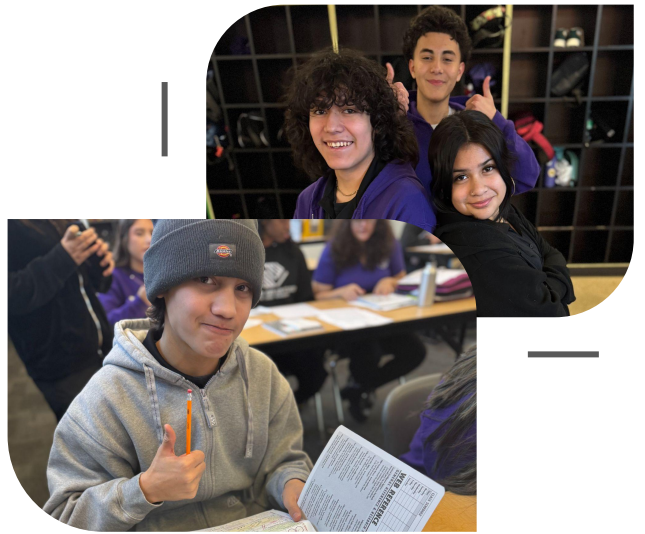
We are thrilled to announce a new partnership with ReDirect Athletics, located at 250 Bell Street, just a short distance from our school. Starting this semester, students can enroll in a dynamic weightlifting and boxing class at their state-of-the-art facility. ReDirect Athletics is dedicated to helping individuals of all ages and backgrounds find a healthy outlet through mentoring, athletic training, and boxing. This collaboration aims to promote physical fitness, discipline, and personal growth among our students. We encourage interested families to learn more about ReDirect Athletics by visiting their website at redirectathletics.com or contacting them at (775) 525-8764. We are excited about this opportunity and look forward to seeing our students thrive in this program.



Nevada's Healthy Kids Programs

Nevada's Healthy Kids Program offers preventive health care to Medicaid-eligible children and young adults under the age of 21. Services include immunizations, annual physicals, and referrals for developmental, vision, hearing, dental, and family-related concerns. The program focuses on supporting physical and mental health, growth, and nutritional needs to ensure overall well-being.

Eligible families may also qualify for the Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) program, which provides supplemental nutrition support. Healthy Kids aims to address health issues early, giving children the opportunity to thrive. For more information, visit the [Healthy Kids Program website](#).



Risks of Youth Vaping

Vaping, the use of electronic cigarettes (e-cigarettes), has become increasingly common among adolescents. These battery-powered devices heat a liquid to create an aerosol, often containing nicotine, flavorings, and other harmful chemicals. However, many vape pens can also be used to consume marijuana, exposing students to even greater health risks.

Nicotine exposure during adolescence can harm brain development, affecting attention, learning, mood, and impulse control, increasing the likelihood of addiction. Additionally, the aerosol from e-cigarettes can contain toxic substances, including cancer-causing chemicals, heavy metals, and ultrafine particles that damage the lungs. When vape pens are used for marijuana, they may deliver high levels of THC, the psychoactive compound in cannabis, which can impair memory, concentration, and mental health.

Parents play a crucial role in preventing youth vaping. Open conversations about the dangers of nicotine and marijuana use, setting a tobacco-free example, and monitoring peer influences can help. If a teen is already vaping, seeking guidance from healthcare providers and utilizing resources like Teen.smokefree.gov can support quitting efforts.

By staying informed and engaged, parents can help protect their children from the dangers of vaping and marijuana use.

— Student Interview —

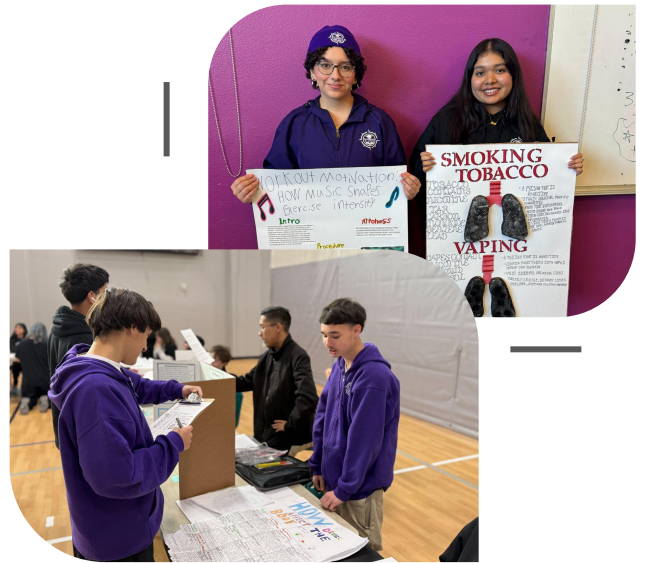


Beyonce
Senior

Throughout her time at Encompass Academy, Beyonce was motivated by her sister Ashley, who inspired her to push for better grades. As a result, she is earning an advanced diploma and excelled academically, achieving all As for half of her junior year. Next year, she will attend the University of Nevada to study criminal justice, eager to embrace new experiences and collaborate with like-minded peers. As the volleyball team captain and a cheerleader, Beyonce developed strong leadership skills and gained confidence by stepping out of her comfort zone. Her involvement in Leadership, particularly planning prom, helped her strengthen her organizational and creative abilities. Balancing academics, sports, and extracurriculars was challenging, especially during junior year when she also worked. However, by staying organized and managing her time effectively, she maintained strong grades. Her advice to freshmen: avoid procrastination, be outgoing, and ask for help when needed.

First Science Fair Success!

Our Biology and Environmental Science classes participated in Encompass Academy's first-ever Science Fair, and it was a huge success! Students explored the scientific method, showcased their creativity, and took pride in presenting their experiments. Thank you to all the parents who supported projects and attended the event—we appreciate your encouragement! We're excited for our next Science Fair on **April 3rd**, featuring experiments from our Physical Science (sophomores) and Human Anatomy (mostly seniors) classes. We can't wait to see the curiosity and innovation they bring to their projects!



Immunization Requirement for Incoming Seniors

As we prepare for the next school year, we want to remind families of an important state of Nevada immunization requirement. All students **entering 12th grade** must receive the **Meningococcal ACWY (MenACWY) vaccine, also known as MCV4, before the first day of school for the 2025-2026 school year.**

The **MenACWY vaccine protects against meningococcal disease**, a serious bacterial infection that can lead to life-threatening conditions such as **meningitis and bloodstream infections**. The **CDC recommends** that preteens receive the MenACWY vaccine at ages 11-12, followed by a booster dose at age 16 to ensure protection during the highest-risk years.

We encourage parents to check their child's immunization records and schedule any necessary vaccinations with their healthcare provider. **Proof of vaccination will be required before students can start school. Please submit immunization records to Laure via email (laure@encompassacademy.org) by 8/11/25.**

For more information about the MenACWY vaccine and meningococcal disease, visit the CDC's official page: [Meningococcal Vaccination](#).

Message from the Principal



Adam Khan
Principal

Dear Encompass Academy Families,
As we begin a new semester, students are settling into their classes and getting to know their teachers. This is a great time to reset and refocus on goals. Parents, your support is key in helping students stay on top of their assignments and grades. If you do not yet have access to Infinite Campus, please contact Laure at laure@encompassacademy.org for assistance. I also want to remind parents to ensure students arrive in the proper uniform each day. Our uniform policies can be found on our [website](#), and we appreciate your help in maintaining a positive and consistent learning environment. We also invite you to our Family Dinner on February 20th at 5:30 PM in the Encompass Academy cafeteria. Enjoy a free, homemade three-course Italian meal, including salad and breadsticks, lasagna, and cheesecake. Please RSVP to Dana at dana@encompassacademy.org by February 19th with the number of guests attending. We look forward to seeing you there!