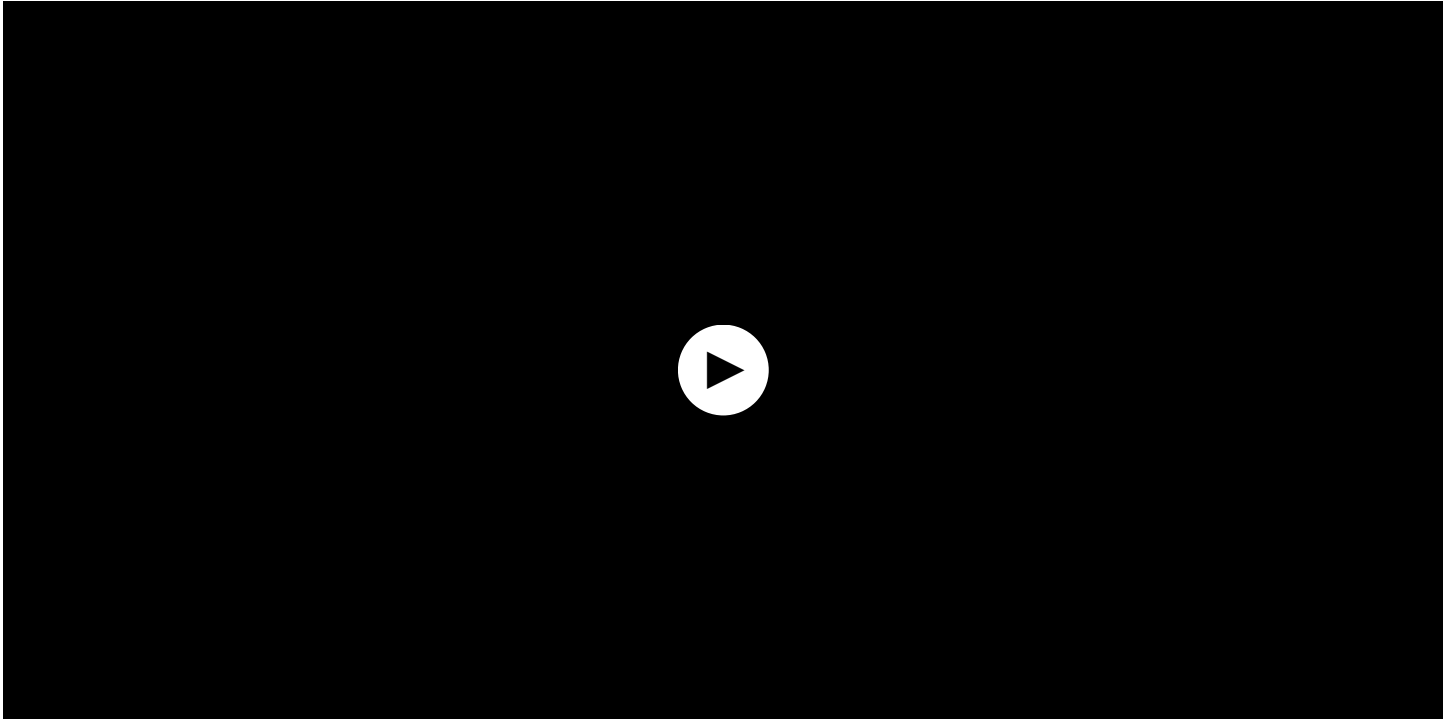


State experts answer parents' questions about Education Savings Accounts

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Questions about Nevada's proposed Education Savings Accounts were addressed at an event at Bishop Manogue High School on Tuesday, May 31, 2016.




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RENO, Nev. (News 4 & Fox 11) — Washoe County parents packed the gym at Bishop Manogue High School Tuesday night in search of answers about the State's proposed Education Savings Accounts. State leaders, including Grant Hewitt with the Nevada Treasurer's Office, answered questions from parents.

How the accounts work has been confusing for many parents. The voucher-style program approved last year by state lawmakers allows parents to claim their child's per-pupil state education funds and use it toward private schooling.

The program, passed by the State Legislature last year, has temporarily been put on hold because of an outstanding lawsuit which claims the program unconstitutionally diverts money away from public schools. But, that doesn't mean parents are shying away from applying.

At Tuesday's community meeting, many parents asked for clarification on the requirement that students must attend a public school for 100 days before they could use the state funds at a private school.

Hewitt clarified that children between the ages of 5 and 7 do not need to attend a public school for 100 days first. He also clarified older students must attend a public school for 100 consecutive *school* days, rather than simply 100 calendar days.



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To meet the '100 days' requirement, parents can also enroll their children in summer school, according to Hewitt. Although, summer school is not long enough to meet the requirement in full, those days would count toward the overall '100 days.'



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State experts included:

Grant Hewitt, Chief of Staff, Nevada state Treasurer's Office

Donna Wix, Private & Charter School Education Program Professional

Joseph Tartakovsky, Deputy Solicitor General, Nevada Attorney General's Office

After the event, parents, teachers and other attendees had the opportunity to fill out an application for the Education Savings Account, or apply for the Nevada Choice Scholarship Program.

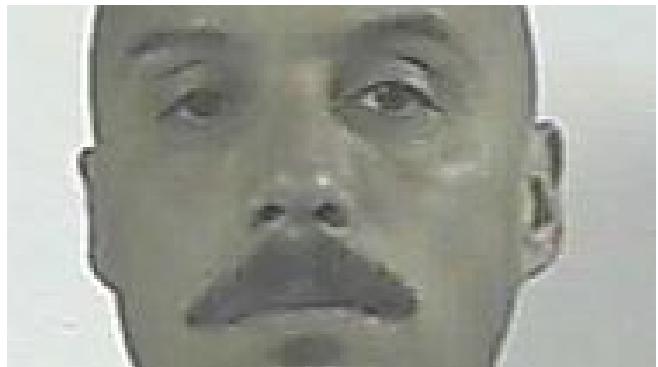
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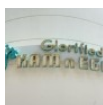
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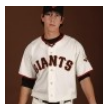
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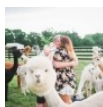


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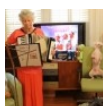
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