



## QCUSD Strategic Plan: Excellence Through Leadership

### Engage, Empower, Excel

As an innovative, national leader in education, QCUSD inspires and empowers each student to achieve excellence in all pursuits, embrace social and individual responsibility and lead with integrity, achieved through a challenging and comprehensive curriculum provided by distinguished professionals in partnership with our families and community.

- We believe that all persons have inherent value and should be treated with dignity.
- We believe that learning from success and failures creates opportunities for growth.
- We believe the pursuit of life-long learning is essential for personal development and community growth.
- We believe that every individual has unique and valuable strengths and perspectives.
- We believe that trust is vital to develop and maintain healthy relationships.
- We believe that every individual has the power to affect change in their lives and community.
- We believe that decisions are best made when all voices are heard and considered.
- We believe that every person needs to feel safe and the responsibility to ensure safety belongs to every individual.
- We believe that character development is a partnership between individuals, family, school and community.

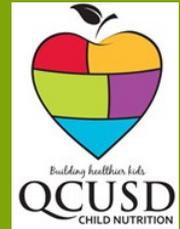
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## CHILD NUTRITION

Children can get free or reduced-price meals if your household's gross income is within the limits on the Federal Income Eligibility Guidelines. Your children may qualify for free or reduced-price meals if your household income falls at or below the limits on this chart. Applications can be completed online at <https://family.titank12.com>.



Federal Eligibility Income Chart for School Year 2016-2017

Household Size	Yearly Income	Monthly Income	Weekly Income
1	\$21,978	\$1,832	\$423
2	\$29,637	\$2,470	\$570
3	\$37,296	\$3,108	\$718
4	\$44,955	\$3,747	\$865
5	\$52,614	\$4,385	\$1,012
6	\$60,273	\$5,023	\$1,160
7	\$67,951	\$5,663	\$1,307
8	\$75,647	\$6,304	\$1,455
Each additional person:	+\$7,696	+\$642	+\$148



**TRANSPORTATION:** It takes a lot of time and coordination to ensure Queen Creek Transportation drivers, aides, and staff have the necessary tools to be ready for the first day of school. The Director of Transportation, Edd Hennerley (left), is pictured going over changes for the 2016-2017 school year with his employees.

# QUEEN CREEK MAKES HEADLINES

## School and Community Cooperation

Get acquainted with those on your team

BY DR. CORT MONROE, ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT

(article originally appeared in Brigham Young University McKay Today Magazine)

The Queen Creek Unified School District prepares for crisis situations in a proactive and collaborative manner. The 6,000-student suburban unified school district has a thorough and current crisis management plan that includes different roles for the crisis management team.

Bomb threats, excessive heat, active shooters, airplane crashes, and many other contingencies are both planned for and used in preparedness drills to keep students and staff safe.

The district follows the National Incident Management System (NIMS), which is a government program that provides information for individuals and organizations on **how to be proactive in preparing** for and handling various incidents. Within the program is the Incident Command System (ICS), which outlines an approach for coordinating the efforts of responders.

The Safety, Crisis, and Emergency Committee is a joint committee that the district sponsors and that involves officials from the town of Queen Creek along with police officers, firefighters, and school district officials. This collaborative committee meets monthly to discuss different aspects of crisis management, including prevention measures, intervention, appropriate reaction, and mitigation. They also discuss following through on the aftermath of a crisis.

This process of consistent communication and collaboration is **pivotal** in assisting the school district to work appropriately with our community partners in times of crisis.



Check out Queen Creek High School Principal Paul Gagnon on ABC15's Sonoran Living! He offered viewers great tips to set students up for success when it comes to homework time management.



# EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR



Help the Queen Creek Chamber of Commerce recognize an individual who is dedicated, inspiring and making a difference in the lives of our youth within the schools located in Queen Creek. This can be a teacher or educational support personnel. Anyone can complete a nomination form. The winner will be recognized at the 7th Annual Business Awards Dinner September 15. For more information visit [www.queencreekchamber.com](http://www.queencreekchamber.com).

## A MESSAGE FROM THE TOWN OF QUEEN CREEK

August is Drowning Impact Awareness Month and the Queen Creek Fire and Medical Department wants residents to stay vigilant. Drowning is preventable and can be avoided by following the ABCs of water safety: **A**dult supervision, **B**arriers between children and water, and **C**lasses in CPR for adults and swim lessons for children.



Visit [QueenCreek.org/News](http://QueenCreek.org/News) to learn more.

## ParentVUE

RIGHT NOW: Grades and assignments are live in Synergy ParentVUE!

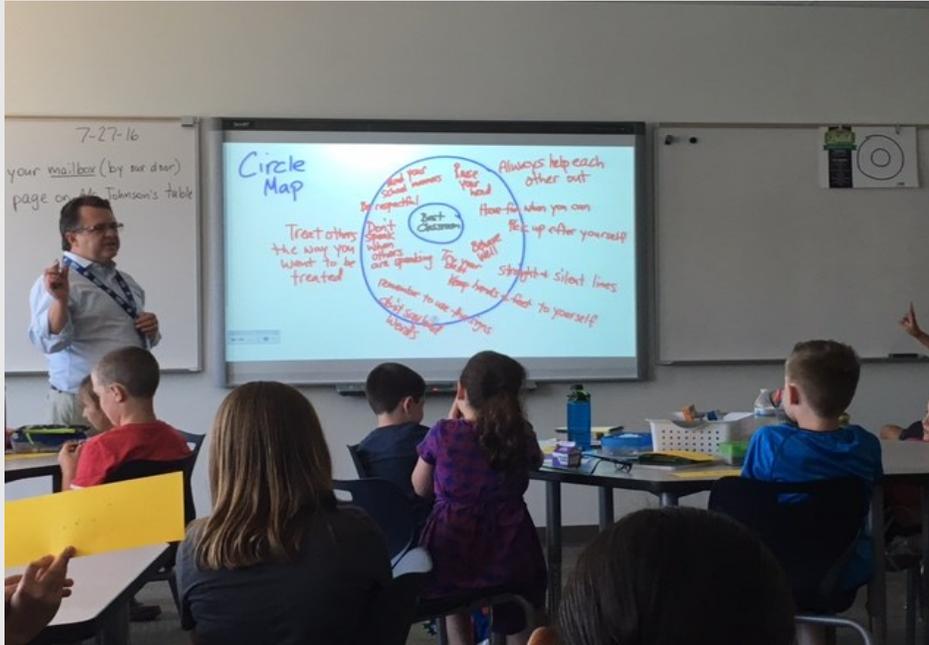


1. You can get your ParentVUE activation information by calling or dropping by your school's front office.
2. When you create your account, you will be able to see attendance and course history for all of your children.
3. You can also download the ParentVUE App for free.

Learn more at [www.qcusc.org/Gradebook](http://www.qcusc.org/Gradebook)

# YOUR BOND DOLLARS AT WORK

Smartboards are being used at Gateway Polytechnic Academy!  
Your bond dollars pay for technology in classrooms and much more!



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## Arizona Tax Credit

One of the biggest ways parents and community members can help our schools is to donate their [Arizona tax credit](#) money. People who file jointly can donate up to \$400, while people who file as a single head of household can donate up to \$200.

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