

## **Abstract Narrative**

Silver Sands Montessori Charter School (SSMCS) is located at 1841 Whitney Mesa Drive, Henderson, NV 89014. Contact person: Joan Sando, phone: 702 460-2787, email: [ms.joan@silversandsmcs.org](mailto:ms.joan@silversandsmcs.org).

SSMCS is a Nevada State sponsored charter school in its second year of operation, approved for grades K-8, and has been designated as a “high achieving” school by the NV Department of Education for achievements during its first year.

The purpose of SSMCS is to provide a free Montessori education for students from all socio economic backgrounds, appealing specifically to students not thriving in a traditional public school setting. Educational opportunities are provided for students to acquire and pass the state standards but are delivered in an exploratory program.

The goal of this project is to improve student achievement in Language Arts and Mathematics by creating a high quality, Montessori learning environment. Expected outcomes include classrooms furnished with Montessori furniture, equipment, and materials and staff members and parents who are trained in Montessori principles and methods of instruction. Research can be conducted to compare student achievement of SSMCS students with that of similar student populations in Clark County schools.

The application meets the purpose of CSP to expand the number of high-quality charter schools available to students in Clark County, Nevada. Funds for further developing the Montessori learning environment and training the school community will ensure that SSMCS will continue to grow as a model charter school that will promote the positive understanding of charter schools nationwide.