

CSI Schools Parent Letter

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Dear Parent or Guardian,

The purpose of this letter is to notify you that the State has identified your child's school as a CSI school for the 2022-2023 school year. This letter provides important information regarding your child's school and describes the State's process for measuring the academic performance of public schools in Nevada.

In December 2015, the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) was signed into law. Highlights of ESSA include holding all students to high academic standards and identifying low performing schools along with appropriate supports for school improvement. Under ESSA, there are two main school designations: Comprehensive Support and Improvement (CSI) and Targeted Support and Improvement (TSI). Additionally, Targeted Support and Improvement (ATSI) is another school designation.

The State uses results from its school rating system, the Nevada School Performance Framework (NSPF), to identify CSI, TSI, and ATSI schools.

CSI Schools

CSI schools are schools that meet one or more of the following conditions:

1. Are the lowest-performing five percent (5%) of schools in Nevada based on their Index Score on the NSPF,
2. Receive a 1-Star rating on the NSPF (meaning the school has not met the state's standards for performance),
3. Have a four-year graduation rate below sixty-seven percent (67%) for High schools only.

CSI schools are schools that get placed on the state's Rising Stars Schools List. Rising Stars Schools will remain a part of a cohort for three years, with the goal of achieving at least a 3-Star rating by the end of its third cohort year. The State identified the first cohort of Rising Stars Schools under Nevada's 2019 Revised ESSA Plan.

School Specific Information

This is the 1st year your child's school has been identified as a CSI school. Your child's school has been identified as a CSI school because it meets condition(s) above. You can find out specifics about those indicators by clicking on this link:

http://nevadareportcard.nv.gov/DI/nv/washoe/robert_mitchell_elementary/2021

The following have been identified as reasons why your child's school is underperforming:

- Interrupted learning due to absences and exclusions
- Many students lacked foundational skills in literacy
- Lack of consistent use of strategies and vertical alignment
- Inconsistent use of small groups or interventions due to personnel shortages

With this determination, your child's school will receive increased levels of support which will include:

1. Access to the CSI/TSI/TSI-ATSI Microsoft Team which gives updates regarding designation, information and access to trainings, updates from the Nevada Department of Education, and all relevant information for designated schools.
2. Priority scheduling for professional development, professional trainings, data analysis, and meetings designed to navigate designation status.
3. Access to information that outlines their designation, target areas for improvement, professional development and guidance in CIP-SPP planning.
4. Access to the Nevada Department of Education CSI/TSI/TSI-ATSI padlet which contains information, training updates, and other valuable tools for school improvement.
5. CSI schools also have potential to access additional funding to partner with state approved vendors for additional school improvement supports and training.

The following have been identified as district goals for the 2022-2023 school year:

- Academic Growth
- Developing Recruiting, and Training Highly-Effective Personnel
- Family and Community Engagement
- Continuous Improvement
- Safe and Welcoming Schools

School Specific Actions:

To provide support and meet school and district goals, Mitchell ES is using General Funds and Title I to fund professional learning and coaching for staff and interventions for students. Additionally, your child's school is developing a system of PBIS that includes a variety of positive attendance supports to reduce the percentage of students who are chronically absent. The district will support your child's school by providing access to the CSI/TSI/TSI-ATSI Microsoft Team which gives updates regarding designation, information and access to trainings, updates from the Nevada Department of Education, and all relevant information for designated schools; priority scheduling for professional development, professional trainings, data analysis, and meetings designed to navigate designation status; access to information that outlines their designation, target areas for improvement, professional development and guidance in CIP-SPP planning; access to the Nevada Department of Education CSI/TSI/TSI-

ATSI padlet which contains information, training updates, and other valuable tools for school improvement. CSI schools also have potential to access additional funding to partner with state approved vendors for additional school improvement supports and training. Also, the district will support your child's school by working with the school to create a CSI plan. You will receive further information on how you can engage in this process, as required under federal law. You will also receive a copy of this plan once it is created.

For more information about the progress being made by your child's school, please review the School Performance Plan on your school's website. The school's NSPF report is available on the Nevada Department of Education's Report Card portal. Please contact your school at 775-353-5590 or mitchell@washoeschools.net for more information.

Lastly, parent and family engagement is critical to your child's success. You are welcome and encouraged to become involved in the academic progress of your child's school. Please visit your child's school for information about parent and family engagement opportunities.

Sincerely,

Kristen Conway, Principal