

## 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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/echo\\_loder\\_elementary\\_school/2019/nspf](http://nevadareportcard.nv.gov/DI/nv/washoe/echo_loder_elementary_school/2019/nspf)

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

- Students may not be aware of the expectations for language production. Students are working on content but may not be required to use academic language. Students are not mastering the language strategies needed to strengthen their understand of the concept/content.
- Teacher knowledge of scaffolds are limited and/or varied.
- Parents are not aware of the connection between attendance in school and achievement. Lack of education around reasons why students should not come to school.

Your child's school will receive increased levels of support which will include:

- Site-based coaches will train teachers on strategies to implement in classrooms.
- Site-based teacher coaches will design professional development sessions for teachers.
- Administration and counselors will run weekly attendance reports and communicate with families as needed.

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, Loder ES is using general funds and Title 1 funds to train teachers and staff in alignment with our school performance plan. Additionally, your child's school is working to improve attendance rates to increase student achievement in the classroom. The district will support your child's school by providing time and training to our staff around the goals in the school performance plan. 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 775-689-2540 or [loder@washoeschools.net](mailto:loder@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,

Marcus Culpepper, Principal