

Federal School Identification - Entry and Exit Criteria

Introduction

Ohio's 1.7 million public school students attend nearly 4,000 schools operated by one of approximately 620 school districts or community schools authorized by sponsoring organizations. State and federal regulations dictate that Ohio routinely identify its lowest performing schools and districts ([Ohio Administrative Code 3301-56-01; Elementary and Secondary Education Act](#), 1965; [Every Student Succeeds Act](#), 2015).

School Identification and Support

COMPREHENSIVE SUPPORT AND IMPROVEMENT (CSI) SCHOOLS

- **Identification frequency:** CSI schools are identified every three years based on data from Ohio's federal accountability plan.
- **Entry criteria:** CSI schools are identified based upon overall performance. Each Title I served school is ranked based on all available data from each school's federal accountability report card. The lowest 5% will be identified for comprehensive support. CSI schools also include any public school with a federal four-year cohort graduation rate equal to or less than 67%.
- **Exit Criteria:** To exit this status, CSI schools must show two consecutive years of improvement above the established cut score that led to their original identification AND performance higher than the lowest 5% of schools (based on Ohio School Report Card data) for two consecutive years. Schools identified for a low graduation rate must earn a federal four-year cohort graduation rate above 67% for two consecutive school years.

ADDITIONAL TARGETED SUPPORT AND IMPROVEMENT (ATSI) SCHOOLS

- **Identification frequency:** ATSI schools are identified every three years based on data from Ohio's federal accountability plan.
- **Entry criteria:** ATSI schools are identified based upon student group (subgroup) performance. This category excludes schools already identified as CSI. ATSI schools include those having one or more student groups¹ performing at a level similar to CSI schools identified in the lowest performing 5% of schools in Ohio.
- **Exit Criteria:** To exit this status, ATSI schools must demonstrate two consecutive years of improvement for the student group(s) that led to the identification AND perform higher than the CSI identification threshold cut score from the year identified.

¹ Federally identifiable student groups include: White, Black, Hispanic, American Indian / Native Alaskan, Asian / Pacific Islander, Multiracial, Students with Disabilities, English Learners, and Economically Disadvantaged students.

TARGETED SUPPORT AND IMPROVEMENT (TSI) SCHOOLS

- **Identification frequency:** TSI schools are identified every year based on data from Ohio's federal accountability plan.
- **Entry criteria:** TSI schools are identified based upon student group (subgroup) performance and exclude schools identified as CSI or ATSI. TSI schools include those who have one or more student groups performing in the lowest 2%. To be included under this criterion, schools must also have a 2.5 star or less overall rating in the student group for which they are identified.
- **Exit Criteria:** To exit this status, TSI schools must no longer meet the criteria for annual identification.

ASSISTANCE FOR IDENTIFIED SCHOOLS FROM THE DEPARTMENT

Identified schools have access to multiple supports provided by the Department and its regional partners (Educational Service Centers [ESCs] Information Technology Centers [ITCs] and other professional associations and organizations), including:

- Professional development, technical assistance and coaching for identified schools and districts focused on [ED STEPS](#), [the Ohio Improvement Process \(OIP\)](#) from [State Support Teams](#)
- School Improvement Grant funding: [School Improvement Grants | Ohio Department of Education and Workforce](#)
- Tool to support monitoring improvement plan implementation: [Support Schools Tool | Ohio Department of Education and Workforce](#)

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES AND CONTACT INFORMATION

Identified schools, and their districts, sponsors and partners should utilize the following website for additional information: www.education.ohio.gov/identification.

Districts, schools and their partners should contact the Department at identification@education.ohio.gov with questions about federal identification.