

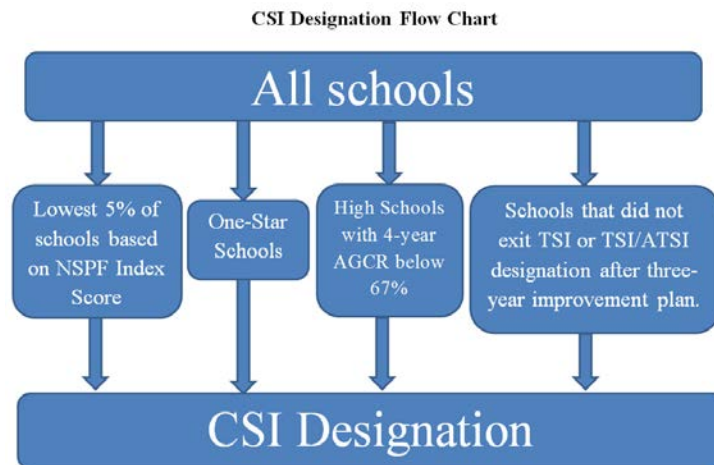
# School Designations

In addition to providing schools with an annual [star rating](#), Nevada’s school rating system is designed to identify schools in need of supports, including those that are low-performing or have low-performing subgroups. The Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) requires Nevada to have three levels of supports, known as school designations: Comprehensive Support and Improvement (CSI), Targeted Support and Improvement (TSI), and Additional Targeted Support and Improvement (ATSI).

Nevada releases annual CSI, TSI, and TSI/ATSI designations (as ATSI is a subset of TSI) based on the rules described below. A school can have a maximum of one designation. A designation involves a designation year followed by a three-year improvement phase. During the designation year, a school must work with their local education agency (LEA) to develop a plan to exit the designation within three years. An exit evaluation is conducted at the end of this three-year improvement phase.

## Comprehensive Support and Improvement (CSI)

Schools are designated as CSI if they are: (1) in the lowest five percent of rated schools based on NSPF index score; (2) a one-star school; (3) a high school with a 4-year graduation rate below 67%; or (4) a school that did not exit a [TSI](#) or [TSI/ATSI](#) designation after a three-year improvement plan. Schools designated as CSI cannot be rated higher than two stars in their designation year.



During their designation year, a school must work with their LEA to create a CSI plan or School Improvement Plan (SPP) to improve student performance. They then have three years to implement this plan. Schools designated as CSI are eligible to receive federal funds to assist in implementing their improvement plans. At the end of this period, the school is evaluated for exit.

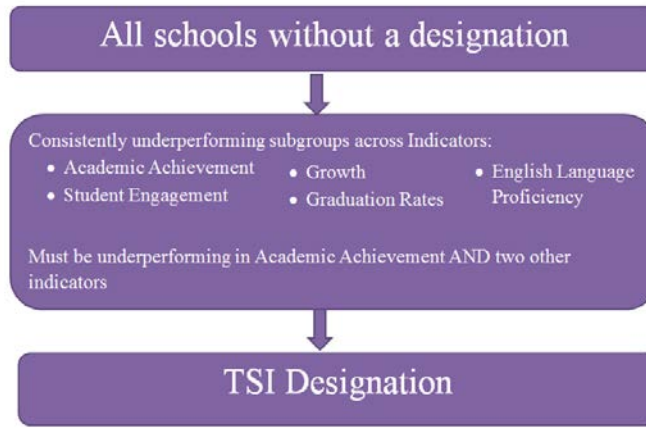
To exit CSI, a school must achieve a rating of three stars or greater and improve their index score in each of the most recent three years. A school must also meet TSI exit criteria to exit CSI. Additionally, a high school must have a 4-year graduation rate of at least 67% for the most recent two years.

## Targeted Support and Improvement (TSI)

Schools are designated as TSI if they have consistently underperforming subgroups of students within certain academic indicators. A consistently underperforming subgroup is a subgroup that did not meet performance targets two years in a row. Schools designated as TSI cannot be rated higher than three stars in their designation year.



TSI Designation Flow Chart



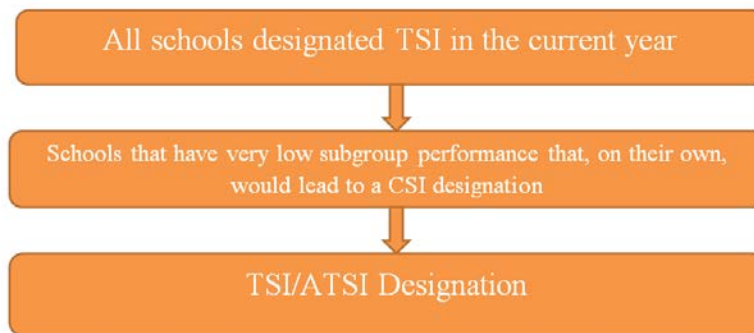
During their designation year, the school must work with stakeholders (principals, other school leaders, teachers, and parents) to create a TSI plan or SPP to improve student performance. They then have three years to implement this plan. Schools designated as TSI may be eligible to receive federal funds to help implement the improvement plan. At the end of this period, the school is evaluated for exit.

To exit TSI, a school must not meet the TSI designation criteria during each of the two years prior to the exit evaluation. Schools that do not exit TSI after implementing their improvement plan for three years are designated as [CSI](#).

### TSI/Additional Targeted Support and Improvement (ATSI)

Schools are designated as TSI/ATSI if they are designated as TSI in the current year and have very low subgroup performance that, on their own, would lead to a CSI designation.

TSI/ATSI Designation Flow Chart



During their designation year, the school must work with stakeholders (principals, other school leaders, teachers, and parents) to create a TSI/ATSI plan or SPP to improve student performance. They then have three years to implement this plan. Schools designated as TSI/ATSI may be eligible to receive federal funds to help implement the improvement plan. At the end of this period, the school is evaluated for exit.

To exit a TSI/ATSI designation, a school must not meet the TSI or ATSI designation criteria during each of the two years prior to the exit evaluation. Schools that do not exit TSI/ATSI after three years are designated as [CSI](#).

For additional information, please visit the [Guidance Document for CSI, TSI, and ATSI Schools](#) and [NSPF Procedures Manual](#).

