

Evaluation of Qualifying Schools Under Consideration for the ISD

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Following the annual identification and determination of qualifying low-performing schools for the NCISD, the NCISD Superintendent shall convene a group of internal (DPI/NCISD) and external (i.e., data/research experts, school reform experts) stakeholders to review the available data. The data to be considered may include, but is not limited to:

1. School Performance Data and Trends (Achievement and Growth Data)
2. Student Attendance Data (e.g., Chronic Absenteeism, Student Tardiness)
3. Student Discipline Data (e.g., suspensions/expulsions/school-based arrests)
4. Teacher/Staff Turnover Data
5. School Leadership Turnover Data
6. Comprehensive Needs Assessments as may be available by NCDPI
7. And other factors which may impact school and local community success

Once the list of schools under consideration has been evaluated using the available data, the NCISD Superintendent and/or designee may conduct additional evaluation activities on those qualifying schools deemed favorable for selection. These additional evaluation activities may include, but are not limited to:

1. Discussions with qualifying school principals
2. School Personnel Interviews (sample of staff)
3. District Leadership Meetings (local school board and superintendent)
4. Parent/Family Interviews (sampling of parents/family members)
5. School site visits and classroom walk-throughs
6. Instructional observations and student portfolio reviews
7. Feasibility and impact of the school's closure
8. And other activities which may assist the NCISD Superintendent in making final selections for State Board of Education review and approval

Once all data has been collected and evaluated, it shall be used in making determinations regarding which qualifying schools may be presented to the State Board of Education for approval for transfer to the NCISD for operating as Innovative Schools the next school year. School selection will be based on a comprehensive review of the data, as well as the ability to recruit and match qualified charter management organization (CMO) or education management organization (EMO) partners with schools under consideration.

Priority in this selection process will be given to schools, districts, and communities where the NCISD can maximize impact by establishment of an Innovation Zone across multiple low-performing schools.