

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 ISD Superintendent shall convene a group of internal (DPI/ISD) 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 (Chronic Absenteeism, Student Tardiness, etc.)
3. Student Discipline Data (suspensions/expulsions/school-based arrests, etc.)
4. Teacher/Staff Turnover Data
5. School Leadership Turnover Data
6. Student Poverty Data
7. Community Data/School District Data
8. Comprehensive Needs Assessments as may be available by NCDPI
9. And other factors that 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 his/her 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 (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. And other activities that 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 triangulation of the data reviewed, as well as the ability to recruit and match qualified CMO/EMO partners with schools that qualify. Priority in this selection process will be given to schools, districts and communities where there is a plan that can maximize impact by the establishment of an Innovation Zone across multiple low-performing schools.