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CSI Schools – Graduation Rate

The FACTS:

After the passage of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), each state was required to write a plan outlining how they will evaluate how well schools are doing on a variety of indicators. The System for School Success is outlined in Alaska's State Plan and describes how DEED will create school designations and what supports these schools will receive.

ESSA places nationwide emphasis on the graduation of eligible students. Solely considering graduation rate, all schools are designated for Comprehensive Support and Improvement - Graduation Rate (CSI-Grad Rate) if they are not graduating more than 66.67% of their students in four years.

A graduation rate is determined for each school based on the count of eligible students who entered the 9th grade four years prior.

How is this school designation determined?

- A school receives a designation of Comprehensive Support and Improvement-Graduation Rate (CSI Grad Rate) when a school's lagging four-year graduation rate is less than or equal to 66.67%.
- Schools are identified on a three year cycle.

Exit Criteria for CSI Grad Rate Designation

A school may exit after three years if the school attains greater than a 66.67% lagging graduation rate in the four-year graduation cohort.

What are CSI-Grad Rate schools required to do?

CSI Grad Rate schools will conduct a thorough needs assessment and develop a school improvement plan with the input of local stakeholders (parents, school staff, community members, students, tribal representatives, etc.) to address the reasons for designation and identified local needs for student success. The plan will include evidence-based interventions to improve adult practices and student performance to improve graduation rates.

Supports Available for CSI-Graduation Rate Schools

These schools have access to school improvement resources to assist in the implementation of the school improvement plan.

These schools continue to have access to all the general supports provided by the district and DEED.