

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 (CSI-Grad Rate) if they are not graduating more than $2/3$ 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 four-year graduation rate is less than or equal to $66 \frac{2}{3}\%$.
- Schools are identified annually.

Exit Criteria for This Designation

A school may exit after one year if the school attains greater than a $66 \frac{2}{3}\%$ graduation rate in the four-year graduation cohort.

What are CSI-Graduation schools required to do?

CSI (Grad Rate) schools will develop a school improvement plan with the input of local stakeholders (parents, school staff, community members, students, etc.) to address the low graduation rate. This plan will address the reasons for designation, identify local needs, as well as include interventions to improve graduation rates.

Support Available for CSI-Graduation Rate Schools

These schools have access to school improvement funds 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.