

# Title IA: Title I ATSI Notification Letter



October 2, 2023

Dear Parent or Guardian,

The purpose of this letter is to notify you about important information regarding your child's school and to detail the protocol for measuring the academic performance of public schools in Nevada. The Nevada School Performance Framework (NSPF) is a critical part of the Education Performance System and utilizes a five-star classification system.

In December 2015, the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) was signed into law. Highlights of ESSA include holding all students to high academic standards and identifying low performing schools along with appropriate supports for school improvement. The three designations that are used to identify low performing schools are Comprehensive Support and Improvement (CSI), Targeted Support and Improvement (TSI) and Additional Targeted Support and Improvement (ATSI).

The State uses results from its school rating system, the NSPF, to identify CSI, TSI, and ATSI schools.

ATSI schools are schools met the following conditions during their designation year:

- NDE calculates NSPF scores for each student group at each school, awarding points for measures where group size is  $\geq 25$ , following NSPF rating rules. If one or more student groups have an NSPF score at or below the bottom 5th percentile NSPF scores used in CSI, the school is designated ATSI.

At the end of three years, a school is evaluated for exit. To exit ATSI:

- The student group(s) must have a current year NSPF score that is above the bottom 5th percentile for either their designation year or the current year (whichever is higher). If a Title I school does not exit, they are redesignated as CSI, per ESSA. If a non-Title I school does not exit, they remain ATSI and will be evaluated annually for exit.

## School Specific Information

Freedom Classical Academy elementary has received an index score of 34 based on the data from the previous school year. Our elementary school received 2 stars in the previous school year. Freedom Classical Academy was designated as an ATSI school in 2019.

This school will receive increased levels of support which may include:

- A variety of professional development to maximize student achievement.
- Teacher and administrative coaching and mentoring.
- Assistance to identify priority areas and steps towards improvement.
- Data-informed decision making.

## School Specific Actions

Freedom Classical Academy is using allocated Title I funding to employ an instructional coach and five instructional aides. The instructional coach works with teachers to help improve instructional efficacy while instructional aides work with small groups of students to provide interventions and support.

For more information about the resources, specific strategies, and tailored school goals, please review the School Performance Plan on your school's website. Additionally, your school's rating report is available at [nevadareportcard.nv.gov](http://nevadareportcard.nv.gov). Or you may contact Mrs. Stowell at [dstowell@freedomclassical.org](mailto:dstowell@freedomclassical.org)

Sincerely,

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