

2019 Accountability Designations Overview

The department provides the following accountability designations to schools based on performance and improvement in accordance with state and federal law:

- Reward
- Priority/Comprehensive Support and Improvement (CSI) schools
- Focus schools
 - Additional Targeted Support and Improvement (ATSI)
 - Targeted Support and Improvement (TSI)

CSI and ATSI designations are federal designations. Both the Every Student Succeeds Act and the U.S. Department of Education require the department to use 2017-18 data to identify such schools.

Please note, Priority and Comprehensive Support and Improvement (CSI) designations were identified in 2018, and no new schools will receive these designations in 2019. Additionally, schools identified in 2018 will have the opportunity to exit Priority and CSI status this year. For more information regarding exit criteria, please reference section 6.5.1 of the [2019 Accountability Protocol](#).

Reward schools are making significant improvement for all students. Schools with any student group in the bottom five percent statewide do not qualify for the Reward designation.

Priority schools were last identified in 2018. These schools performed in the bottom five percent statewide, **not** including 2017-18 data. This designation also includes schools with graduation rates less than 67 percent.

Schools identified for **Comprehensive Support and Improvement (CSI)** performed in the bottom five percent including 2017-18 data. This designation also includes all schools in the Achievement School District regardless of performance.

There are two types of **Focus** schools, **Targeted Support and Improvement (TSI)** and **Additional Targeted Support and Improvement (ATSI)**. **TSI** schools are those that fall in the bottom five percent for one or more student groups (e.g., Black or African American students, Economically Disadvantaged students, etc.).

Schools identified for **ATSI** are those in which any student is performing at the same level of performance as Priority schools.

For additional questions around the accountability framework, please access the [TDOE website](#) which includes resources as well as the [Accountability Overview](#) and [User Guide](#) and the 2019 Accountability designations [webinar recording](#) and slides.