

The Nevada State Achievement School District

The Nevada State Achievement School District is a state-level initiative to improve the quality of chronically underperforming schools. Created in 2015, it was modeled after efforts in Tennessee and New Orleans to advance change in Nevada’s public schools.

What is the purpose of Nevada State Achievement School District (NV ASD)?

The NV ASD works to evolve the profile of the State’s underperforming schools to be comprised primarily of schools rated as sustainably, three-stars on the Nevada School Performance Framework. This is a milestone on the way to the destination of a Nevada comprised of five-star schools.

What does the NV ASD do to improve underperforming schools?

NV ASD Action	Outcome
Facilitate a relationship with parents, a local school community, and a school operator or transformation team to <i>transform</i> underperforming schools	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> High quality, autonomous, neighborhood public schools
Authorize strong school leaders to start <i>new</i> schools in neighborhoods with overcrowded, underperforming schools.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Quality, in-neighborhood options for families with students attending underperforming schools Increased effectiveness of schools as they get relief from overcrowding
Partner with school districts to <ul style="list-style-type: none"> support and advance existing, local school intervention efforts increase capacity to intervene locally through NV ASD transformation partner to improve the conditions for successful intervention 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Unified effort to improve the quality of schools across the state Maximize use of state and local resources Clearly defined criteria for intervention eligibility and successful completion of interventions

How will the NV ASD do this work?

- Community:** Empower parents as authentic partners to serve as the greatest advocate for each student.
- Collaboration:** Leverage the collective to advance the public education ecosystem to transform the State’s lowest performing schools.
- Kids First:** Ensure all students attending underperforming schools have access to a high quality seat.
- Infrastructure:** Utilize strategic, lean operations as the foundation to bring the system to life.

When will the NV ASD open schools?

The first schools will open in the fall of 2017. Here is a high level summary of the process:

Summer 2016	Fall 2016	Winter 2016-17	Spring 2017	Summer 2017	Fall 2017
Narrow list of schools for intervention in partnership with the State Board of Education		Select up to 6 schools for transformation	School Community and operator work together to prepare for transition and develop a vision for their school	School Community works with operator to transition school	Achievement Schools Open
Receive operator Applications	Review and approve applications	Pair operators with schools			
Share information about the NV ASD and school selection process and gather input from parents and community members to inform decisions		Share school selection decisions and facilitate partnership between operator and School Community			