

Objectives

- Hear updates regarding schools in the Nevada Achievement School District
- Understand the parent petition process for the Nevada Achievement School District
- Consider approval of a Petitioning Form

School Update

- Urban Prep opening deferred to 2019-20 school year

School Selection Process

Community Engagement

School Partnership

Consider

Evaluate

Envision & Plan

School Opening

Sept. 15

Nevada Department of Education publishes list of Rising Star Schools and schools eligible for the Nevada ASD

Dec. 1

Nevada ASD recommends at least 20% of eligible schools

Dec. 31

State Board of Education approves at least 50% of recommended schools

Feb. 1

Nevada ASD selects up to six schools and pairs them with operators or transformation teams

Fall

Schools open the following school year

Parent Petition Window

Petitions Due Nov. 15



State Board Responsibilities

- Approve a standard petition form (R108-15, Section 10(2))
“To be valid, a petition circulated pursuant to section 9 of this regulation must: (a) Be in the form prescribed by the State Board. The State Board will post the required form of a petition on its Internet website.”
- Adopt a resolution approving valid petitions by December 31 (R108-15, Section 11(3))
 - *Petitions will be verified by the Executive Director*
 - *The Executive Director will notify the State Board of any valid Petitions*

The Petition Process

Parent Petition

An Overview

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A parent or group of parents decide that they want to make a change at their child's school.

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School Plan

The parents work together to draft a School Plan. The parents may involve school staff in developing the plan.

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Then, they share the plan with other parents and ask them to sign a petition to support the School Plan.

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Once they get the signatures of more than half of the student's parents, they turn the petition in for approval.

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The parents work together to implement the School Plan for the next school year.

What can a school petition for?

- A **Performance Compact** that includes performance targets and an action to improve school performance
 - Empowerment School
 - State Turnaround Designation
 - Evidence-based plan developed by principal, teachers and parents
 - Non-profit partnership
 - Evidence-based action deemed appropriate by the Department
 - To become an **Achievement Charter School**
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- For an existing achievement charter school, if it has not met its goals after at least two years of operation:
 - For a new operator
 - To convert to a district school

Eligibility

All ASD-Eligible School

Schools that are automatically eligible for the Nevada ASD

- Bottom 5% of elementary, middle and high schools
- High School with a graduation rate below 67%
- Schools recommended by board of trustees

Schools that may petition for an ASD or non-ASD turnaround strategy*

- 1-Star Schools
- Downward trending 2-Star Schools
- *As long as the school does not meet any of the other criteria*

**If the parents do not petition, the school is by default eligible for the Nevada ASD*

What protections are in place for parent, students and teachers?

- The petition must be completed on the petition form. [R108-15, Section 10(2)(a)]
- People collecting signatures on school property must obey school rules. [R108-15, Section 10(4)(a)]
- To prevent disruption to student learning, petitions may not be circulated on school property during school hours. [R108-15, Section 10(4)(a)]
- The school and school district may not use public funds or resources to campaign for or against a petition. *This does not prevent school staff from supporting or opposing a petition outside of his or her working hours.* [R108-15, Section 10(6)]
- No gifts, rewards or incentives can be given to encourage parents/guardians to sign or not sign. [R108-15, Section 10(4)(b)]
- No threats or false statements can be made to encourage parents/guardians to sign or not sign. [R108-15, Section 10(4)(b)]
- Parents/guardians may not be threatened based on their immigration status. [R108-15, Section 10(4)(b)]
- School districts must take reasonable measures to protect students and employees from retaliation or harassment. [R108-15, Section 10(5)]

Sharing information

Flyers

Parent Petition

A parent-led pathway to improve your child's school.

CREATE A PLAN

SIGN FOR CHANGE

IMPROVE YOUR SCHOOL

Educators and law-makers can make decisions on behalf of your child's school. **You have the same right.**

With Parent Petition, you can improve your child's school. Start by working with your school community to write a plan. Next, collect signatures from the majority of parents and guardians at your child's school. Lastly, submit your plan for approval.

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Nevada Department of Education



FAQ Documents

School Name _____
School Hours _____

Information for Petition Signers

This document has information for people who may choose to sign a petition about their child's school.

What is a petition?
A petition is a formal document signed by many people requesting a specific outcome.

What is a Parent Petition under Nevada State Law?
The Parent Petition is a way for parents and guardians with children at certain schools that are not meeting Nevada State Standards¹ to advocate for a change to improve their child's school. Each petition must have a specific "School Plan." Parents and guardians who are in favor of the School Plan can sign an official signature page to show their support for the plan.

Who can sign a Parent Petition?
One parent or legal guardian may sign a petition for each child at the school. (R108-15, Section 10)

- If you have one child at the school, you may sign once for your child.
- If you have two children at the school, you may sign twice, once for each child.
- If a child has more than one parent or legal guardian, only one of you may sign for that child.

How many signatures are needed for a successful petition?
To be successful, the petition must have signatures from more than half of the students who attend the school.

Here is an example:
If a school had 10 students, the parents or guardians of at least 6 of the students would need to sign the petition for it to be successful. (half of 10 would be 5, so more than half would be at least 6)

- Guardian A has two children at the school and signed the petition two times, once for each child.
- Parent B has three children at the school and signed the petition three times, once for each child.
- Parent C only has one child at the school, so they can only sign one time.
- Only one parent or guardian may sign for each child, so if Parent C has already signed, then no other person may sign for that child.

What if I do not have a child at the school but I want to support the petition?
People who are not parents or legal guardians may sign for Community Support. Community Support signatures will show Community Support but will not be counted towards the official number of parent or guardian signatures required for a successful petition. Interested community members may also volunteer or give donations to support the petition.

What information do I have to provide in order to sign the petition?

All signers:	Only Parent or Guardian Signers:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Your name • Your address • Your signature • The date 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Your child's name • Your child's grade • Your child's school • Optional: Your phone number

Information will be available in English and Spanish and will be posted online

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Proposed Petition Form

Nevada Parent Petition Signature Page



This petition is is not being circulated by a paid signature gatherer


By signing this petition I attest that I am the parent or guardian of a child who is currently enrolled at _____ and I support the intervention described in the SCHOOL PLAN.

[School Name]

Signatures and information: All information is required unless marked "optional."

#	Names	Required Information	Optional Information	Signature and Date
1	Parent/Legal Guardian Name	Address	Phone (Optional)	Signature
	Student Name	Student's School	Student's Grade Level (Optional)	Date Signed
2	Parent/Legal Guardian Name	Address	Phone (Optional)	Signature
	Student Name	Student's School	Student's Grade Level (Optional)	Date Signed

Página de firmas de petición para padres de Nevada



Esta petición está no está distribuida por un recolector de firmas pagado

Al firmar esta petición certifico que soy el padre o guardián legal de un niño que corrientemente está inscrito en _____ y apoyo la intervención descrita en el PLAN ESCOLAR.

[Nombre de escuela]

Firmas e información: Se requiere toda la información a menos que se marque como "opcional."

#	Nombres	Información requerida	Información opcional	Firma y fecha
1	Nombre del padre / guardián legal	Domicilio	Teléfono (opcional)	Firma
	Nombre del estudiante	Escuela del estudiante	Nivel de grado del estudiante (opcional)	Fecha de firma
2	Nombre del padre / guardián legal	Domicilio	Teléfono (opcional)	Firma
	Nombre del estudiante	Escuela del estudiante	Nivel de grado del estudiante (opcional)	Fecha de firma

