

ESSA IDENTIFICATION TIMELINE

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TIMELINE GRAPHIC

A graphic version of this timeline is below. A high-resolution PDF version of this timeline is also available on the [OEA ESSA Accountability webpage](#).

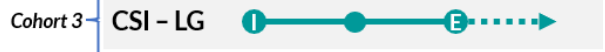
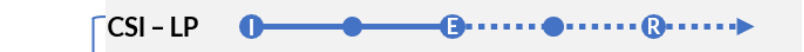
ESSA Identifications Timeline



School Year 18-19 19-20 20-21 21-22 22-23 23-24 24-25 25-26 26-27 27-28



- KEY**
- I Identification
 - E Initial exit eligibility
 - R Rigorous intervention
 - C Conversion to CSI (for Title I-receiving schools)
 - Exit ineligible
 - Exit eligible
 - Gap year, COVID-related
 - ▶ Continuing identification
 - |— Annual identification exit (TSI)



UNDERSTANDING YEARS AND COHORTS

The school years in this timeline indicate the calendar years an event occurs or a status changes. The years used in report titles, however, indicate the school year of the most recent data in the report. For example, a report issued in school year 2018-19 is labelled as a 2017-18 report and contains data from the 2017-18 school year and before. ESSA reports are typically released with preliminary identifications in February and final identifications in April (starting in 2024). Exact release timing may change from year to year.

Schools receiving CSI or ATSI identifications become part of a cohort based on the initial year of identification. The cohort determines timelines for exit eligibility, more rigorous interventions, conversion to CSI, and more. Schools identified for CSI or ATSI in 2022-23 belong to Cohort 2. Schools identified for CSI or ATSI in 2024-25 belong to Cohort 3. Targeted Support and Improvement (TSI) groups do not belong to these cohorts, because TSI is an annual identification.

KEY DESCRIPTION

Identification – ESSA requires DPI to identify the lowest-performing schools and subgroups at regular intervals – every three years for CSI and ATSI and every year for TSI. However, the identification schedule was disrupted by COVID-19. Preliminary identifications are typically released in February and final identifications are typically released in April with accompanying reports posted in SAFE.

Initial exit eligibility – For CSI and ATSI identifications, a school is not eligible to exit in the first two years of identification. Exit eligibility was further postponed for the first cohort of CSI-LP and ATSI schools/groups due to COVID-19. Schools will receive a preliminary exit status in February and final exit status in April. Schools exiting identifications remain identified until June 30 of that year. For more information about the exit process, see the document “[Exiting an ESSA Identification](#)” posted on the [ESSA Accountability webpage](#).

Rigorous intervention – DPI applies more rigorous interventions if a school does not exit a CSI identification after 4 years. Rigorous interventions for Cohort 1 were postponed due to COVID-19 and are now scheduled for 2024-25.

Conversion to CSI (for Title I-receiving schools) – Title I-receiving schools with an ATSI identification convert to CSI if they do not exit after 6 years of identification. Conversion of ATSI to CSI for Cohort 1 was postponed due to COVID-19 and is now scheduled for 2026-27. ATSI-to-CSI conversion does not apply to schools that do not receive Title I funds.

Exit ineligible – In general, a school with a CSI or ATSI identification is not eligible to exit its identification until the third year of identification. TSI identifications are annual identifications. Schools exit this identification automatically if they are not re-identified in the following year.

Exit eligible – Starting in the third year of identification, a school with a CSI or ATSI identification is eligible to exit its identification. Exit eligibility was postponed for CSI-LP, ATSI, and TSI identifications due to COVID-19.

Gap year, COVID-related – During the peak of the COVID-19 pandemic, the US Department of Education (USED) authorized waivers from ESSA accountability for 2020-21 and 2021-22. As part of these waivers, USED required that CSI-LP, ATSI, and TSI schools and groups retain identifications during those two years without eligibility to exit.

Continuing identification – Schools continue to be identified until they exit their identification.

Annual identification exit (TSI) – TSI is an annual identification. Schools are identified for TSI every year, and the identification lasts only one year. However, schools identified for TSI in the 2019-20 school year retained their identifications an additional two years due to COVID-19.

Cohort – The set of schools that first received a CSI or ATSI identification in a particular year. A cohort determines timelines for exit eligibility and additional actions based on the identification. Cohorts apply to schools with identifications that have multi-year timelines, so TSI schools are not included.

CSI – LOWEST PERFORMANCE TIMELINE

School Year	Action		
	Cohort 1	Cohort 2	Cohort 3
2018-19	Identification <i>Exit ineligible</i>		
2019-20	- <i>Exit ineligible</i>		
2020-21	COVID-related gap year <i>Exit ineligible</i>		
2021-22	COVID-related gap year <i>Exit ineligible</i>		
2022-23	Initial exit eligibility <i>Exit eligible</i>	Identification <i>Exit ineligible</i>	
2023-24	- <i>Exit eligible</i>	- <i>Exit ineligible</i>	
2024-25	Rigorous intervention <i>Exit eligible</i>	Initial exit eligibility <i>Exit eligible</i>	Identification <i>Exit ineligible</i>
2025-26	Continuing identification until exit	- <i>Exit eligible</i>	- <i>Exit ineligible</i>
2026-27	...	Rigorous intervention <i>Exit eligible</i>	Initial exit eligibility <i>Exit eligible</i>
2027-28	...	Continuing identification until exit	- <i>Exit eligible</i>
2028-29	...	...	Rigorous intervention <i>Exit eligible</i>
2029-30	...	...	Continuing identification until exit

CSI – LOW GRADUATION RATE TIMELINE

School Year	Action		
	Cohort 1	Cohort 2	Cohort 3
2018-19	Identification <i>Exit ineligible</i>		
2019-20	- <i>Exit ineligible</i>		
2020-21	Initial exit eligibility <i>Exit eligible</i>		
2021-22	- <i>Exit eligible</i>		
2022-23	- <i>Exit eligible</i>	Identification <i>Exit ineligible</i>	
2023-24	- <i>Exit eligible</i>	- <i>Exit ineligible</i>	
2024-25	Rigorous intervention <i>Exit eligible</i>	Initial exit eligibility <i>Exit eligible</i>	Identification <i>Exit ineligible</i>
2025-26	Continuing identification until exit	- <i>Exit eligible</i>	- <i>Exit ineligible</i>
2026-27	...	Rigorous intervention <i>Exit eligible</i>	Initial exit eligibility <i>Exit eligible</i>
2027-28	...	Continuing identification until exit	- <i>Exit eligible</i>
2028-29	...	...	Rigorous intervention <i>Exit eligible</i>
2029-30	...	...	Continuing identification until exit

ATSI TIMELINE

School Year	Action		
	Cohort 1	Cohort 2	Cohort 3
2018-19	Identification <i>Exit ineligible</i>		
2019-20	- <i>Exit ineligible</i>		
2020-21	COVID-related gap year <i>Exit ineligible</i>		
2021-22	COVID-related gap year <i>Exit ineligible</i>		
2022-23	Initial exit eligibility <i>Exit eligible</i>	Identification <i>Exit ineligible</i>	
2023-24	- <i>Exit eligible</i>	- <i>Exit ineligible</i>	
2024-25	- <i>Exit eligible</i>	Initial exit eligibility <i>Exit eligible</i>	Identification <i>Exit ineligible</i>
2025-26	- <i>Exit eligible</i>	- <i>Exit eligible</i>	- <i>Exit ineligible</i>
2026-27	Conversion to CSI for Title I-receiving schools <i>Exit eligible</i>	- <i>Exit eligible</i>	Initial exit eligibility <i>Exit eligible</i>
2027-28	Continuing identification until exit	- <i>Exit eligible</i>	- <i>Exit eligible</i>
2028-29	...	Conversion to CSI for Title I-receiving schools <i>Exit eligible</i>	- <i>Exit eligible</i>
2029-30	...	Continuing identification until exit	- <i>Exit eligible</i>
2030-31	...	...	Conversion to CSI for Title I-receiving schools <i>Exit eligible</i>
2031-32	...	...	Continuing identification until exit

TSI TIMELINE

TSI is an annual identification. A school exits its TSI identification(s) after one year if it is not re-identified for TSI.

CONTACT US

For more information about a timeline for your school, contact OEA at oea@dpi.wi.gov or visit the [ESSA Accountability webpage](#). For more information about your ESSA identification, schedule a [JFN Bookings Call](#).