

80th Legislative Session Recap

SB 543: Updating the Nevada Funding Formula

Overview of Legislation: Process

- The new funding formula will go into effect in School year 2021-22
- During the interim, NDE will pay on the current formula, but simultaneously calculate funding based on the new formula to enable comparison
- A commission will be established to work on technical components of the funding formula and will have its first meeting by October 1, 2019

Overview of Legislation: The new funding formula

- Per-pupil funding will be determined through several factors
 - The base per-pupil funding
 - If applicable, a cost adjustment to the base per pupil based on
 - Necessarily Small Schools*
 - Small District Equity Adjustment*
 - Cost of Living and Cost of Labor
 - Weighted funding for students who:
 - Are English Learners
 - Are at-risk (FRL)
 - Have a disability
 - Are gifted and talented

**Charter Schools are not eligible for these adjustments*

AB 78/SB 321: Achievement School District Transition

Overview of Legislation

- Effective June 3, 2019, SPCSA is responsible for all sponsorship duties for the ASD schools.
- Schools will operate with their current contracts until a new contract with the SPCSA is signed. New contracts must be in place by July 1, 2020.
- Schools will maintain independent LEA status until their new contract become effective.

Indicators of Successful Transition

- Aligned on common goals
- Clear expectations regarding changes
- No interruption in ability to operate school
- The transition does not impact students or teachers
- Work in partnership to address unforeseen challenges

Timeline for Transitioning Existing Schools

- Phase 1: Onboarding with SPCSA (July 2019)
 - Establish baseline relationships between school and SPCSA staff
 - Set clear expectations for communication
 - Begin transition to Epicenter and SPCSA Reporting Requirements
 - Determine any next steps for software systems (some transition may be delayed until following school year)
- Phase 2: Planning for full transition (September-December 2019)
 - Outline details of LEA Transition (in collaboration with NDE)
 - Negotiate contracts
 - Determine steps for any delayed software transitions
- Phase 3: Full Transition (completed by July 1, 2020)
 - New contracts take effect
 - Implement any steps needed for LEA transition
 - Implement any steps needed for delayed software transition

Achievement Charter Schools Overview

- Four operational schools all located in Clark County:
 - Democracy Prep Charter School (K-12)
 - Futuro Academy (K-3)
 - Nevada Prep Charter School (4-7)
 - Nevada Rise Academy (K-2)
- Approximately 1,500 Students Served as of 2018-19 School Year; Enrollment will continue to grow as several schools are phasing in grade levels
- Two schools approved and not yet open:
 - Explore Academy (6-12)
 - Urban Prep (9-12)

For additional information about the legislation passed in 2019:

- Charter School Association of Nevada Final Report: <https://www.nevadacharters.info/>
- Opportunity 180 Legislative Recap: <https://opportunity180.org/special-edition-2019-legislative-recap/>