

Proposed Revisions Site Evaluation Process 2021-2022 School Year

Presentation to SPCSA Board

August 27, 2021



Summary of Changes

2021-2022

Proposed Revisions to the Site Evaluation Process

Review of Purpose and Focus of Site Evaluations



PURPOSE

- To exercise oversight and gather formal and anecdotal evidence
- SPCSA's monitoring of schools
- Document progress toward goals that are outlined in the schools' charter to ensure accountability as a state authorized public school

FOCUS

- Academic performance
- Organizational effectiveness of the school
- Adherence to the approved charter and charter contract with the Authority





Researched Best Practices

- The suggested revisions for the 2021-2022 school year cycle of site evaluations have evolved, improved, and developed due to thoughtful considerations stemming from experts within the field.
- Other national authorizers, prior and current charter school leaders, feedback from site evaluation surveys, and discussion with stakeholders were considered.
- The Nevada SPCSA originally designed its Site Evaluation protocols on the recommendations of the National Association of Charter School Authorizers as well as researched best practices. These practices remain in effect.

CHANGE ONE

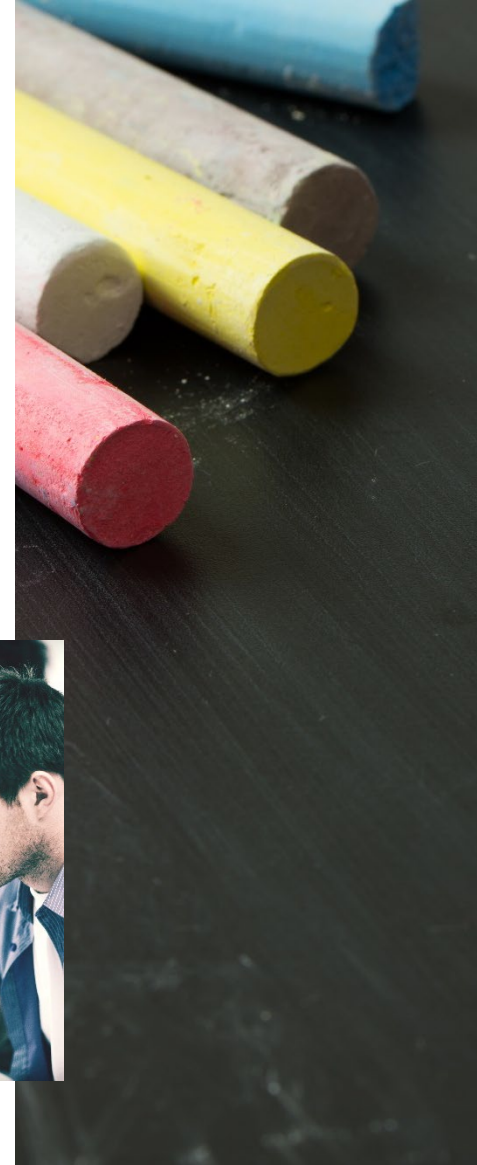
Randomization of Staff Focus Group participants

Why

Focus groups may have been periodically comprised of individuals serving as both staff and staff/parents within the school.

How

Include information about this topic in the revised handbook, distribute to every school, and include notification during the pre-site evaluation meeting. Approximately seven working days prior to the evaluation, the SPCSA team will notify the school of randomly selected participants from the previously submitted staff roster.



CHANGE TWO

Reduce Redundancies of items requested and better align the review of documents

Why

Valid information is available in Epicenter and from the monitoring team

As a Best Practice, evidence will be collected from several sources

Topic Example: Special Education

- Handbooks are uploaded to Epicenter. The Site Evaluation team will conduct spot checks prior to the evaluation
- Conduct Special Education monitoring and compliance checks
- A slide within the site evaluation presentation is dedicated to this topic
- Classroom observations may add additional evidence
- Focus group questions may provide additional information

Data will be triangulated from each source and will be included on the site evaluation report

How

The increased number of SPCSA employees provides the staff capacity to spend additional time and effort on every portion of the new, improved process



CHANGE THREE

Improve the level of high-quality data collection and reporting

A more concise collection/review of documents aligned to SPCSA frameworks has been created. Increased levels of data analysis allows for higher quality data collection and reporting

Why

A more thorough check for data alignment and validity provides higher quality of written feedback

How

Replace the best practice page with an area to record, in writing, a more specific narrative about best practices observed within classrooms and the presence of a pattern at the school

All schools will now be undergoing their second or third site evaluation and will be asked to reflect on the progression of items from previous site evaluation reports



CHANGE FOUR

Increase the number of classroom observations conducted at each school

Why

The SPCSA team currently observes at least one classroom at each grade level. We would like to increase the number of classrooms observed so that there is an increase of data and will be more representative of all classrooms within the school.

How

With increased number of SPCSA staff dedicated to conducting site evaluations, a more comprehensive approach will be undertaken. In some instances, a third or fourth person will join the team for the day of the site evaluation.



CHANGE FIVE

Three ways of increasing our differentiation processes

ONE

Schools with a strong recommendation or deficiency on a recent site evaluation report

- Develop a Site Evaluation Response Plan using SPCSA template
- Routine checks on progress with SPCSA Site Evaluation team (at least every three months)
- At least one follow-up site evaluation during the following school year to collect evidence relating to the items within the Site Evaluation Response Plan



CHANGE FIVE continued

Three ways of increasing our differentiation processes

TWO

Schools identified as having a rating of two stars or below and those with a Notice of Concern or Breach will:

- Undergo an automatic, full site evaluation each year
- This process will take place until the rating improves to a three-star status or the notices are formally removed





CHANGE FIVE continued

Three ways of increasing our differentiation processes

THREE

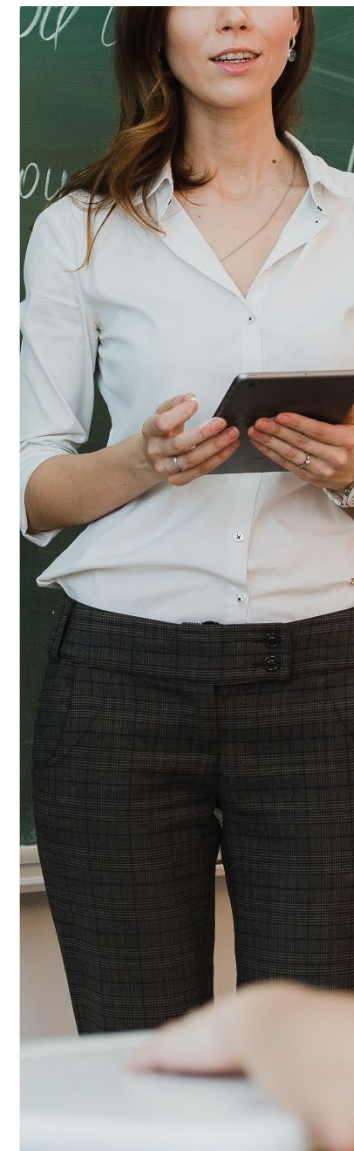
Schools operating at a four- and five-star level, according to the NSPF, during their third year of charter and in good standing will...

- Undergo an abbreviated site evaluation
- Forego the focus group portion
- Have limited classroom observations

Site
Evaluation
Schedule

2021 Month	School	Year of Charter	Locations	Date of Evaluation
September	Learning Bridge	1	Ely	9/22/2021
	Elko Institute for Academic Achievement	1	Elko	9/23/2021
October	Somerset Academy - North Las Vegas	6	Vegas	10/6/2021
	Freedom Classical	5	Vegas	10/7/2021
	Legacy Traditional: Follow up to Cadence and North Valleys (2 campuses)	6	Vegas	10/19/2021 & 10/20/2021
	Nevada Connections Academy	2	Reno	10/27/2021
November	Doral – Northern Nevada	5	Reno	11/3/2021
	Alpine	1	Reno	11/9/2021
	CIVICA	1	Vegas	11/17/2021
	TEACH Las Vegas	1	Vegas	11/18/2021
December	Silver Sands	1	Vegas	12/7/2021
	Equipo	1	Vegas	12/8/2021

2022 Month	School	Year of Charter	Locations	Date of Evaluation
January	Doral - Fire Mesa	3	Vegas	1/10/2022
	Doral - Cactus	3	Vegas	1/11/2021
	Doral - Red Rock	3	Vegas	1/12/2022
	Doral - W Pebble	3	Vegas	1/13/2022
	Doral - Saddle	3	Vegas	1/14/2022
February	NVA	3	Vegas	2/8/2022
	Signature Prep	3	Vegas	2/9/2022
	MANN	5	Reno	2/24/2021
	Beacon new campus	1	Vegas	2/2/2022
	Explore	3	Vegas	2/3/2022
March	CASLV Centennial	3	Vegas	3/7/2022
	CASLV Eastgate	3	Vegas	3/7/2022
	CASLV Nellis AFB	3	Vegas	3/8/2022
	CASLV Sandy Ridge	3	Vegas	3/9/2022
	CASLV Tamarus	3	Vegas	3/9/2022
	Quest	2	Vegas	3/10/2022
	CASLV Windmill	3	Vegas	3/11/2022
April	Oasis	5	Fallon	4/13/2022
	Amplus 2 campuses	2	Vegas	4/5/2022 & 4/6/2022
	DCSLV 2 campuses	5	Vegas	4/7/2022
	Imagine	5	Vegas	4/8/2022
	Somerset Loose	6	Vegas	4/26/2022
	Somerset Aliante	6	Vegas	4/27/2022



Thank you!

