



## **National and Nevada ESEA Distinguished School Award Interview Questions & Scoring Rubric**

Please provide a written response to the following questions. Responses should be directly aligned to the question and limited to 1 page per question. The NDE Review Team will use responses to guide discussions during the interview portion of the application.

1. Describe the most successful activity your school has initiated to strengthen ties to your community.
2. Describe your school culture and explain changes you've taken to improve or maintain it.
3. Describe how data is used to improve student achievement and inform decision making.
4. Describe the program or initiative that has had the greatest positive effect on student achievement, including closing achievement or opportunity gaps or excellence in serving special populations, if applicable.
5. Explain how ESEA federal funds are used to support your improvement efforts.
6. Describe your philosophy of school change or improvement.
7. Identify the critical professional development activities you use to improve teaching and student learning.
8. Describe specific programs in place to ensure that families are involved in the success of your school and students.



## Interview Scoring Rubric

School #: \_\_\_\_\_ Reviewer #: \_\_\_\_\_ Date reviewed: \_\_\_\_\_

Nomination Category:

- Exceptional Student Performance for two or more consecutive years
- Closing the achievement gap between student groups
- Excellence in serving special populations of students (e.g. homeless, migrant, English learners)

### Rubric Scale and Scoring

Scale	Explanation	Points
Exemplary	The response is intentional, complete, and provides compelling evidence.	3
High	The response is complete and provides adequate evidence.	2
Moderate	The response is partially complete and provides limited evidence.	1
None	No response or evidence is provided that addresses the criteria.	0

### School Culture and Community and Family Engagement

Indicate the extent the school provided descriptive evidence of:

Rubric	Exemplary	High	Moderate	None
A. The response included a detailed description of how the school strengthens its ties to the community. Comments:				
B. The response included a detailed description of the school's culture and how the culture was developed and maintained. Comments:				
C. The response included a detailed description of the family engagement strategy including current parent & family engagement initiatives. Interview Comments:				
D. The response included a detailed description of the school leadership's philosophy of school change or improvement. Interview Comments:				



**Data Informed Decision Making**

**Indicate the extent the school provided descriptive evidence of:**

Rubric	Exemplary	High	Moderate	None
<p>A. The response included a detailed description of how data is used to improve student achievement and inform decision making, with examples. Interview Comments:</p>				
<p>B. The response included a detailed description of a program or initiative that has had the greatest positive effect on student achievement and/or including closing achievement or opportunity gaps. Interview Comments:</p>				
<p>C. The response included a detailed description of the critical professional development activities used to improve teaching and student learning, providing specific examples. Interview Comments:</p>				
<p>D. The response included a detailed description of ESEA federal funds are used to support improvement efforts, providing specific examples. Interview Comments:</p>				

Total Score: /24

Reviewer Comments: