



The Alternative Performance Framework

Fast Fact Sheet

Is Alternative Education the same as the Alternative Performance Framework (APF)?

No. APF schools in Nevada apply and are rated under an additional accountability framework. Not all alternative schools are rated under the APF.

Alternative education is a broad term referring to a program of study for students that need specialized instruction outside of the traditional education setting. The reasons for alternative education can be as wide and varied as the number of students enrolled in this educational setting. To see specific details pertaining to alternative education in Nevada visit the link below:

<https://www.leg.state.nv.us/nrs/NRS-388.html#NRS388Sec537>

Do APF schools get rated under the NSPF also?

Yes. In accordance with State and Federal policy all schools must be rated under the NSPF. The APF report runs in conjunction with the NSPF report. However, APF schools are not assigned a star level

How many APF schools are in Nevada?

Currently in the State of Nevada there are 30 schools rated under the Alternative Performance Framework. A list of approved APF schools can be found at the link below

<https://doe.nv.gov/accountability/apf>

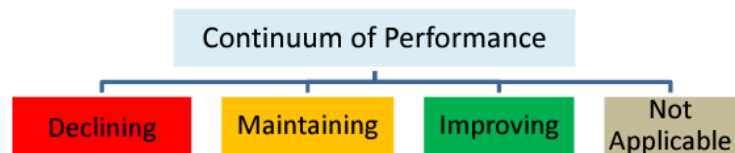
For More Information

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The Alternative Performance Framework (APF) is designed to report performance data for alternative schools that serve a high-needs population of students. Nevada developed the APF to specifically address accountability for the following types of schools.

- Schools offering credit recovery programs
- Schools offering behavioral/continuation programs
- Juvenile Detention Facilities serving adjudicated youth
- Special Education schools serving students with identified disabilities

Continuum of Performance (CoP) Rather than assigning specific point values to APF Measures, categorical ratings of performance are utilized. As reflected in the figure below, the school's performance status for each Measure is identified within the CoP as Improving, Maintaining, or Declining in comparison to that of the prior APF accountability year, or notes that a particular Measure was Not Applicable for that school.



Since the rating process requires comparing the school's performance in the current year to that of the prior year, schools with only one year of data for a Measure that is relevant to the school type will be indicated as "To Be Determined".

Measures Not all Measures included in the APF are relevant to all categories of schools. For example, a school whose mission is to support students with significant disabilities in need of Special Education will be evaluated in the Academic Progress Indicator based on IEP goals. The Credit Earning Rate Measure would likely be indicated as "Not Applicable" for schools with this mission.

Alternative Schools in Nevada – Are not required to be in the APF. Schools who wish to be rated under the APF are required to apply in order to be approved by the Nevada State Board of Education.

[Alternative Performance Framework Guidance Document](#)

To access detailed information on the APF please utilize the Guidance Document link above.