

# At-Risk Definition History

Commission on School Funding

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## Context-Introduction

- With the introduction of the Pupil-Centered Funding Plan, shift to a student-centered perspective.
- Focusing on student needs means looking at each student individually and meeting their unique needs.
  - Changes to student population definitions were needed

- **NRS 387.1211**

“At-risk pupil” means a pupil who is eligible for free or reduced-price lunches pursuant to 42 U.S.C. §§ 1751 et. seq., or an alternative measure prescribed by the State Board.

-Effective July 1, 2021, repealed July 1, 2023.

## 2021 Free and Reduced Lunch Count

- Community Eligibility Provision provides that all pupils in a school with 40% or more FRL population is identified as FRL.
  - Effective October 26, 2023, the identified student population was amended to 25%.
- In 2021, 271,618 pupils, over half of the entire student population, were labeled as “At-risk.”

## 2020 Recommendations

- The Commission moved to recommend the Campus Analytics model of identifying the “At-risk” category of pupils for weighted funding in the Pupil-Centered Funding Plan.
- The State Board adopted a new definition wherein a pupil is “at-risk” if the pupil has an economic or academic disadvantage such that they require additional services and assistance to enable them to graduate with their cohorts.

- NRS 381.1211: “At-risk pupil” means a pupil who is within the quintile of pupils determined to be most in need of additional services and assistance to graduate based on one or more measures prescribed by the State Board, which may include, without limitation, consideration of whether a pupil: (a) Is economically disadvantaged; (b) Is at risk of dropping out of high school; or (c) Fails to meet minimum standards of academic proficiency.

- A comprehensive way to determine at risk students.
- Cumulative data model based on 10 years of data from all Campus customers, yet contextual to each student's environment.
- Early warning system built into the Campus Student Information System.
- Assigns each student a Grad Score.
- Divides students into three categories: Low Risk, Moderate Risk, and High Risk.

## The Analytics Model

- 75 data points used in calculation
  - Academics
    - Assignments, Assessments, Course Grades, etc.
  - Attendance
    - Daily Attendance, Absence Codes, Chronic Absenteeism
  - Behavior
    - Number, type and frequency of incidents
  - Stability
    - Zip Code, Special Populations, Homeless Youth, Foster Youth, Years in School, FRL status



## Campus Analytics Settings

- Parameters established:
  - 0-5% High Risk
  - 6-20% Moderate
  - 21-100% Low

## At-Risk Funding Comparison

### **FY 2022: FRL**

- 247,286 students
- Per Pupil Rate: \$243
- At-Risk Allocation: \$60,323,872

### **FY 2024: Grad Score**

- 63,325 students
- Per Pupil Rate: \$3,137
- At-Risk Allocation: \$198,666,203

## Topics for Future Consideration

- Is there a better way to identify at-risk students?
- Is the 20% cutoff rate and per pupil amount proper in Nevada?
- Review of allocation of the weight:
  - Stacked weights
  - Variable allocation

Thank you!

- Next Steps
- Questions