The North Carolina Innovative School District (ISD) partners with local communities to develop and implement strategies for school improvement, creating innovative conditions for accelerating student achievement in low-performing schools. By the 2020-21 school year, the ISD will oversee the transfer and operation of five of the state’s lowest-performing public elementary schools and place them under the management of qualified Innovative School Operators. For its inaugural 2018-2019 academic school year, the ISD selected one school, Southside Ashpole Elementary in Rowland, NC.

Low-Performing Schools in North Carolina
By the Numbers

There are currently over 500 low-performing schools in North Carolina, which is an increase of 16 over the 2015-16 school year. That is nearly equivalent to the total number of schools in Wake, Charlotte-Mecklenburg, Forsyth and Durham Counties combined.

Of the 505 low-performing schools, 468 are recurring, which is an increase of 53 schools over the past year.

251,831 Total student enrollment at low-performing schools

57 Schools in North Carolina received a letter grade of F and did not meet growth last school year

7 Schools in North Carolina received a letter grade of F and did not meet growth for the last 3 years

73 School districts with low-performing schools

66 NC counties with low-performing schools