

Article 7A.

North Carolina Innovative School District and Innovation Zones.

§ 115C-75.5. Definitions.

The following definitions apply in this Article:

- (1) Innovative school. – A qualifying school selected by the State Board of Education under the supervision of the North Carolina Innovative School District.
- (2) Reserved.
- (3) Innovative school operator or IS operator. – An entity selected by the State Board of Education upon the recommendation of the ISD Superintendent to operate an innovative school.
- (4) ISD Superintendent. – The superintendent of the ISD appointed by the Superintendent of Public Instruction in accordance with G.S. 115C-75.6.
- (4a) North Carolina Innovative School District or ISD. – The statewide school unit established pursuant to this Article.
- (5) Qualifying school. – A school with a school performance score in the lowest-performing five percent (5%) of all schools meeting the following criteria:
 - a. Receives funds under Part A of Title I of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, as amended.
 - b. Is governed by a local board of education subject to this Article.
 - c. Is not one of the following types of schools:
 1. An alternative school.
 2. A cooperative innovative high school.
 3. A school that was in its first or second year of operation in the previous school year.
 4. A newcomers school. For the purposes of this subdivision, a newcomers school is a school in which at least ninety percent (90%) of its students are enrolled for no more than one year on the basis of their status as recently arrived English language learners. (2016-110, s. 1; 2016-126, 4th Ex. Sess., s. 14; 2017-57, ss. 7.26(e), 7.26E(a), (f); 2018-5, s. 7.20(a); 2018-145, s. 27(b); 2019-248, s. 1(a).)