High need school is defined by one or more of the following:

- It has at least one school in which 50 percent or more of the enrolled students are eligible for participation in the free or reduced-price lunch program established by the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1751 et seq.); or
- It has at least one school in which: (i) more than 34 percent of the academic classroom teachers at the secondary level (across all academic subjects) do not have an undergraduate degree with a major or minor in, or a graduate degree in, the academic field in which they teach the largest percentage of their classes; or (ii) more than 34 percent of the teachers in two of the academic departments do not have an undergraduate degree with a major or minor in, or a graduate degree in, the academic field in which they teach the largest percentage of their classes.
- It has at least one school whose teacher attrition rate has been 15 percent or more over the last three school years.

Please see the list of High Need School Districts Here. (Printable PDF is available here)