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ESSA INFORMATION

ESSA (Every Student Succeeds Act)

The ESSA is the most recent reauthorization of the historic Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA), first passed in 1965, and it replaces the No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB) of 2002.

ESSA will be fully in place beginning in the 2017-18 school year. It will take time to fully interpret the 1,061-page law. We will provide you with updates and opportunities for input as soon as they are available.

Here are a few ESSA highlights:

- Maintains annual assessments in grades 3-8 and high school
- Reaffirms that states are in control of their standards and assessments
- Sets parameters for state accountability systems but gives each state the flexibility to design a school accountability system that best meet the needs of students in their state
- Gives states the flexibility to work with local stakeholders to determine how educators should be evaluated and supported each year
- Provides for pilots at the state level so states can research new and improved methods of measuring student progress from year to year