

ESSA and PSD 2016

What we know today

Review

Passed the house and senate Dec 9, 2015

Last of the provision dates was Oct 1, 2016 so it is now fully implemented.

Replaced NCLB

ESSA and Tech and Assessment and Accountability

Required tests in math and ela in grades 3-8 and once in hs. Requires sci once in 3-5 and 6-8 and 10-12. 95% partic rate.

Requires a RC and by 17-18 the identification of lowest 5% of T1s plus any hs <66% grad rate plus schools with “consistently underperforming” subgroups.

ESSA and Student Services

- English Proficiency progress is reported differently
- Fewer students take alternate assessment
- Foster students can stay in school of origin
- State report card includes:
 - achievement and graduation rates of foster students
 - data on school climate, harassment and bullying

ESSA and Business

- Constantly changing
- Projected loss of funding
- No fiscal guidance to go with laws
- Lack of Business Mgr. involvement

ESSA and HR/Evaluation

Districts will not be required to comply with HQT requirements of teachers, including special education teachers, in the 2016-17 school year. Paraprofessionals will still need to maintain the highly qualified requirements

Beginning in the 2017-18 school year, ESSA requires districts to ensure that all teachers and paraprofessionals working in a program supported by Title I funds meet applicable state certification and licensure requirements, including any requirements for certification obtained through alternative routes to certification. Forthcoming regulations from USED are expected to further clarify this requirement.

ESSA and T1/School Improvement

Five Parts:

- Improving basic programs
- State assessment grants
- Education of migrant children
- Prevention or interventions for at-risk youth
- Flexibility for equitable per pupil spending

ESSA and T2/School Improvement (additional detail for Nuts)

- HQT no longer a requirement
- Teacher and leadership development and innovation is the focus
- Transformative leadership-states can take up to 3% to dedicate to leadership dev.

What is still unknown/in flux

Exact components of RCs

Funding formula for Title IA schools

“Law” vs “regs”