

ESSA

Every Student Succeeds Act

ESSA is the nation's new federal education law which replaces NCLB (No Child Left Behind). The law was passed with the intention of giving states and districts additional flexibility and decision making power. ESSA requires states to develop plans that address the following:

- **Standards**
- **Assessments**
- **School and District Accountability**
- **Support for Struggling Schools**
- **Support for Educators and Ensuring a Well-Rounded Education**

Minnesota's plan compliments and aligns with our state accountability law, World's Best Workforce. The focal points that are included are:

- **Equity** – Meaningful inclusion of all students is a priority.
- **Well-Rounded Education** – Subjects and content areas besides math, reading and science will be included.
- **Stakeholder Engagement** – Students, parents, educators, education partners, business leaders, community members and members of the public are invited to participate and give input.
- **Standards and Assessments** – Minnesota will continue to administer the Minnesota Comprehensive Assessments (MCA's) and the Minnesota Test of Academic Skills (MTAS).
- **Accountability** – Less punitive than the system required by NCLB, emphasizing on partnership and improvement instead of consequences.

- *ESSA was signed in 2015 as the nation's new pre-K through grade 12 federal education law.*
- *Minnesota is responsible for creating a plan that ensures that all students have what they need to succeed and that all teachers and administrators have supports in place to be successful.*
- *Minnesota already has an accountability law in place – World's Best Workforce (WBW). Our plan to address ESSA compliments and aligns with WBW.*