

Healthy and Ready to Learn: Supporting Student Health and Wellness through ESSA Implementation

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Defining Student Health and Wellness

A school setting that understands and supports students' well-being and student health as a foundation for learning. In this environment, good nutrition, physical activity, basic safety, clean air and water, access to care and building the knowledge and skills for students to make healthy choices that allow them to thrive.

Access to care includes physical, behavioral and mental health, dental and vision, prevention, screening and disease management.

In a healthy school, students learn—through lessons and through examples—to value their own health and that of the environment.

Every Student Succeeds Act



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Opportunities for Supporting Student Health

- Title I: funding to states and school districts with high percentages of low-income children
- Title II: professional development and literacy
- Title IV: Student Support and Academic Enrichment Grants and community support for school success

Title I

- State accountability systems: required measure of school quality or success
- Report cards: required to include chronic absenteeism
- School improvement: required to include evidence-based interventions and identify resource inequities; informed by needs assessment
- Schoolwide Title I programs: informed by needs assessment

State Accountability Systems

- Must include not less than one indicator of school quality or student success
- Examples provided in ESSA:
 - Student engagement
 - Educator engagement
 - Student access to and completion of advanced coursework
 - Postsecondary readiness
 - School climate and safety
 - Any other indicator the State chooses that meets the requirements of this clause.

Criteria for Accountability Measures

- Is valid, reliable, and comparable across all LEAs in the State
- Is calculated the same for all schools across the State, except that the measure or measures selected within the indicator of Academic Progress or any indicator of School Quality or Student Success may vary by grade span
- Can be disaggregated for each subgroup of students
- Criteria specific to school quality measure:
 - Is supported by research finding a connection to student learning.
 - Aids in meaningful differentiation among schools by demonstrating varied results across schools

State Report Cards

Required to include the following measures of school quality, climate, and safety:

- Rates of in-school suspensions, out-of-school suspensions, expulsions
- School-related arrests
- Referrals to law enforcement
- Chronic absenteeism (including both excused and unexcused absences)
- Incidences of violence, including bullying and harassment

Title II

- Increased flexibility around how professional development funding can be used
- Allowable uses include supporting school staff in addressing chronic absenteeism



Title IV

- Student Support and Academic Enrichment Grants
 - Needs assessment
 - Programs that promote student health and well-rounded education
- Community Schools
- Promise Neighborhoods

Additional Opportunities

- Equity: language about equity appears in Titles I and II
- Well-rounded education: including physical education and health education
- Early childhood education: professional development for early childhood educators; transition to elementary schools

ESSA requirements for needs assessments

ESSA requires that schools and school districts undertake comprehensive needs assessments as part of:

- Identifying needs and gaps in schoolwide or targeted improvement schools.
- Identifying the needs of homeless children.
- Grants for:
 - Literacy
 - Preschool development
 - Full-Service Community Schools
- Providing a well-rounded education (Title IV).

Stakeholder Engagement

ESSA requires stakeholder engagement in the following ways:

- State Level: Development of State Plans
- School District: Development of School Improvement Plans
- School District: Development of Local Education Agency accountability plans and plans for engaging parents and families

State Plans

- Title I requires states to create plans that describe:
 - State standards
 - Plans for student assessments
 - Accountability systems, including measures and methods for identifying school districts in need of improvement
 - Methods for engaging stakeholders
- States are currently in the process of convening stakeholders and soliciting input on state plans

State ESSA Plans to Support Student Health and Wellness: A Framework for Action
Download at healthyschoolscampaign.org/state-essa-framework

Timeline

- Full ESSA implementation to take effect no later than 2018-2019 school year
- Two deadlines to submit state plans: April 3, 2017 and September 18, 2017
- 2017-2018 school year is a transition year and year for data collection

State Planning Processes

ASCD's State ESSA Implementation Map:

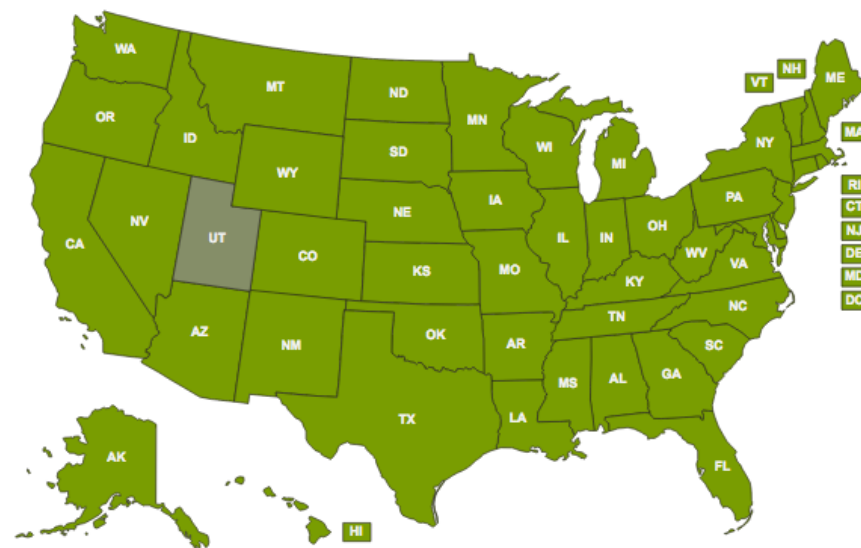
<http://www.ascd.org/public-policy/ESSA-State-Implementation-Map.aspx>

State Implementation of the Every Student Succeeds Act

The Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) is prompting many changes to state and local education policies. It's crucial for educators to be involved in these implementation decisions, particularly around new accountability systems, professional development and evaluation requirements, and well-rounded education provisions. To help keep you informed and engaged in this process, this map provides links to state resources and opportunities for involvement. The amount of information and level of detail varies by state (and is entirely dependent on what each state provides) but may include links to four specific areas:

- ♦ State ESSA Resources
- ♦ Task Forces or Committees
- ♦ Opportunities for Input
- ♦ Information Updates

Click on your state to learn more.



Questions?

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The Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) recognizes the vital role that health and wellness play in education. This document focuses on supporting advocates who are interested in working with state-level policymakers to develop state ESSA plans. It provides practical resources and emphasizes several key areas with the greatest potential impact on student health.

To learn more, visit:
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Thank you!

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