

# WHAT'S NEW IN ESSA?

## QUICK FACTS: SECONDARY EDUCATION

ESSA builds on the goals of NCLB to improve graduation rates and provide students with the tools to succeed in postsecondary education and the workforce.

### STRENGTHENED DROPOUT PREVENTION

ESSA offers funds for dropout prevention programs:

- College and Career Guidance
- The Arts
- Accelerated Learning
- Substance Abuse Prevention
- Mental Health Resources
- Physical Education
- Digital Learning

### RAISING GRADUATION RATES

ESSA requires the creation of state level long-term 4-year graduation rate goals, as well as acknowledging 5-year graduation rates.

### BETTER ACCOUNTABILITY

Instead of focusing solely on test scores, ESSA expands the lens to understand school performance as a whole. Graduation rates, English language proficiency, and indicators of school quality and success such as attendance are now included.



For more information on the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), visit:  
<http://bit.ly/ESSA-WA>