

WHAT'S NEW IN ESSA?

QUICK FACTS: EQUITY

Equity is a key component in the Every Student Succeeds Act. ESSA frees up restrictions on state funding, allowing the state to better target struggling student subgroups to improve outcomes.

BETTER TARGETED SUPPORT

ESSA allows states to change the way they determine how they provide support. Previously, the bottom-performing 10% of subgroups were awarded funding. Washington is looking to change that model to allow the agency to provide support to subgroups in two categories: Race & Ethnicity and Programs. This allows for a more equitable share of funding across subgroups, allowing for students to receive support previously unavailable.

PROGRESS MEASUREMENT

OSPI wants to cut the learning gap in half over the next ten years, among each ethnic subgroup of students. The agency is going to improve the measurement mechanisms to include students making adequate growth towards standard, in addition to those at standard. This allows districts to understand where improvements are being made, and where more supports are needed.

PARENT AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Engaging families and communities is key to supporting success, reducing the opportunity gap, and developing more culturally responsive and inclusive schools. ESSA supports parent and community engagement, requiring that schools, districts, and OSPI recruit, hire, train, and retain all staff for this commitment to cultural responsiveness, inclusion, and family-community-school engagement.



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