



What is ESSA? Why Does it Matter? What Do Parents Need to Know?

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What is ESSA?

- Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) are laws that outline and ensure what school districts need to do to provide all children with significant opportunity to receive a fair, equitable, and high quality education, and to close educational achievement gaps.

Why does it matter?

- ESSA Laws guide states in their commitment to ensuring that all students are:
 - provided with a well-rounded education;
 - grow socially, emotionally and academically;
 - are provided with qualified teachers
 - are provided with programs and education plans that are appropriate to their academic success.

What do parent's need to know?

- To ensure students are provided with effective teachers, programs and education plans to support each students' social, emotional growth, parents and families should know:
- How their child's school is performing in areas beyond academics:
 - ELA, Math, Science, Social Studies
 - English Language Learners (ELLs)
 - Chronic Absenteeism (absent 10% or more instructional days)
 - Graduation Rate
 - College and Career Readiness
 - Out of School Suspension
 - Readiness for high school

Parent/Family Engagement

- Right to participate in your child's education
- Right to a qualified teacher in your classroom
- Right to assist in collaborating in planning use of Parent/Family Engagement funds
- Right to know programs your child is participating in
- Right to receive progress reports on your child's educational progress

What every parent should know continued...

ESSA requirements statewide assessments

- Academic progress all students, all subgroups
 - 95% of Students participating in exams (we have 50%)
 - Grades 3-8 ELA and Math assessments
- NYSED Changes in testing
 - 2 days
 - Untimed
 - Full changes to assessments aligned to Next Generation Standards due 2021-2022
- Our participation rate has improved

ESSA Accountability

- We are below 95% participation rate on exams:
 - School Participation Rate Plan
 - Level I Addendum – Strategies to assist in increasing student performance
 - District Comprehensive Improvement Plan – Strategies to increase students taking the exam
- There is an increase in student performance on the Grades 3-8 ELA and Math showing growth in several standards as more students take the exam.
- The more students participate in exams, the better we can plan instruction and make changes to curriculum.
- Our goal is to increase the number of students taking the 3-8 ELA and Math assessments



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Great Year!