



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

WFSD 2021-2022

## 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 and school districts 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, and academic growth, parents and families should know:
- How their child's school is performing in areas beyond academics:
  - Growth and progress in ELA, Math, Science, Social Studies
  - Growth and progress of our English Language Learners (ELLs)
  - Level of Chronic Absenteeism (absent 10% or more instructional days)
  - Graduation Rate
  - College and Career Readiness
  - Out of School Suspension
  - Readiness for high school

# What do parent's need to know?

- WFSD receives Title Funds to provide supplemental supports to our students based on identified needs.
  - Title I funds – AIS teachers, ENL teachers, Teaching Assistants (Kindergarten, Middle Schools); homeless students; parent/family engagement
  - Title II funds – Professional development administrators, teachers, teaching assistants
  - Title III – After School programs for ELLs
  - Title IV – Well rounded activities (i.e., STEM after school clubs); Safe and Healthy Students (i.e., Health and Wellness after school clubs); Effective use of Technology (i.e., Computer Science professional development)

# 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
- Right to know the qualifications of your child's classroom teacher
- <http://www.nysed.gov/essa/new-york-state-essa-funded-programs-complaint-procedures>

# 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 2022-2021
- Our participation rate has improved in the Elementary for 2021

# ESSA Accountability

- We are a Target District and have completed a District Comprehensive Improvement Plan (DCIP) – on our district website
  - Low participation rate on grade 3-8 state assessments
  - Chronic absenteeism
  - Need to increase subgroup student achievement in ELA and Math
  - District Comprehensive Improvement Plan – 3 Priorities
    - 1) Culturally Responsive Framework/Social Emotional Learning – support all students social, emotionally and academically
    - 2) Focused Professional Development – administrators, teachers, teaching assistants
    - 3) Data Analysis – to drive instruction and determine curriculum/effective instructional strategies
- We are currently looking at the results of 2021 as well as district data to support student learning with the goal of returning our district from “Target District” to “In Good Standing”
- The more students participate in exams, the better we can plan instruction and make changes to curriculum.



QUESTIONS?



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