

Strategic Stakeholder Engagement

under Every Student Succeeds Act

— Collaborating for Student Success in New Jersey Schools —



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What is **ESSA**?



- **ESSA** stands for the **E**very **S**tudent **S**ucceeds **A**ct, the main U.S. **federal law** for K-12 education, reauthorizing the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) in 2015 to replace No Child Left Behind (NCLB).
- It gives states flexibility to create their own **plans for improving schools**, ensuring fair access to quality education, setting accountability for student achievement (especially for disadvantaged groups), and increasing transparency for parents through report cards.
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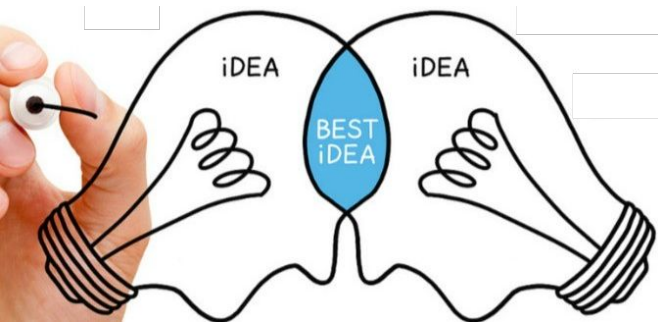


Area	Focus	In-District Activities
TITLE I A	Provides supplemental financial assistance to school districts for children from low-income families. Its purpose is to provide all children significant opportunity to receive a fair, equitable, and high-quality education, and to close educational achievement gaps by allocating federal funds for education programs and services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Title 1 Summer Instructional Program (Grades K-5) ➤ Title 1 Paraprofessionals to in Kindergarten at FES and NES
TITLE II A	Targeted Professional Development for Teachers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Professional Development/Learning
TITLE III A	Provides supplemental financial assistance for supporting ML student achievement, English Language Proficiency	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Sheltered Instruction Training for non ESL teachers-via partnership with outside consultants
TITLE IV A	Provides supplemental financial assistance to improve student achievement by supporting well-rounded education, safe and healthy students, and effective technology use. It helps schools offer programs in arts, music, STEM, physical education, mental health, and integrate technology. students graduate ready for college and careers.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Technology to Inform Instruction, Support Teacher Collaboration, and Personalize Instruction- ex SDF Supplies ➤ Amplify Subscription-Online Assessments such as DIBELS



What is **ESSA**? ...Its Purpose & Vision ★

- **The Goal~** Moving from "Check-the-box" compliance to meaningful partnership.
- **Core Objectives~**
 - Inclusive planning and implementation.
 - High-quality education for all students.



- **Theory of Action~** When the community is involved in policy decisions, student outcomes improve.



What is **ESSA**? ...Its Required Stakeholder Groups ★

- **School Staff~** Teachers, Principals, Support Personnel
- **Families~** Parents/Guardians (with specific outreach for ELL and Students with Disabilities)
- **Community~** Local businesses, CBOs, and government officials





What is **ESSA**? ...Identifying areas of need ★

- **What matters most** to our stakeholders?
- What does our data tell us about **our district's needs**?

