



The Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA)

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Overview

- New Federal Law, Replaced No Child Left Behind (NCLB) [See Document 1]
- State Plan Must Be Approved by the U.S. Department of Education (USED)
- Implementation in 2017–18 School Year



NC Plan Submission Timeline

(DRAFT)

2016	
August/September	Draft plan
October/November	Solicit public comments; revise draft plan
November	Finalize plan
December	Seek State Board approval
December	Submit to Governor (30 day review)
2017	
January	Present to NC General Assembly
March 6	Submit plan to USED



Major Points

- Accountability
- Assessments
- Low-Performing Schools
- Teacher and School Leaders
- 21st Century Schools



Big Questions

- 1) How do we measure student success?
 - Academic Achievement on Assessments
 - Graduation Rates
 - Growth
 - Other Indicators (School Quality & Student Success)
 - Progress of English Learners



Big Questions

2) How do we assess students?

- Each year grades 3–8 in Reading and Math (required)
- Once in Elementary and Middle School Grades in Science (required)
- Once in High Schools in Reading, Math, and Science (required)
- Plus?



Big Questions

- 3) How do we provide support for low-performing schools?
- 4) How will LEAs spend money?
- 5) How do we improve skills of teachers and principals?



Progress to Date

- Public Comment Sessions in Fall & Spring
- External Stakeholder Engagement Meetings in Spring and Fall [See Document 2]
- NCDPI Website:
<http://www.ncpublicschools.org/succeeds/>
- School Performance Grades (A-F) vs. ESSA [See Document 3]



USED *Proposed* Regulations

- Accountability, State Plans, and Data Reporting (Comments were due August 1)
- Academic Assessments (Comments due September 9)
- Innovative Assessment Demonstration Authority (Comments due September 9)



ESSA Funding for Local Schools



Funds allocated to State based on poverty census data



State allocates funds to local education agencies and charter schools



LEA allocates funds to schools



Title I Funds

- NC receives approximately \$464,000,000 each year
- 94% of all NC schools operate schoolwide programs (most flexibility)
- Approximately 80% of funds used for staff salaries
- Over \$48,000,000 supports preschool programs

