

## YOUR GUIDE TO ESSA RESOURCES

### What is ESSA?

The Every Student Succeeds Act, or ESSA, is a federal law signed by President Obama in 2015 that provides rules, regulations, and requirements for primary and secondary education in the United States. This includes how the U.S. Department of Education provides federal funding to states. Under ESSA, each state must create and implement its own plan that meets all of ESSA's standards and regulations.

### U.S. Federal Government Resources:

- U.S. Department of Education: [Every Student Succeeds Act](#)
- U.S. Department of Education: [Fact Sheet on Supporting the Success of Homeless Students](#)
- U.S. Department of Education: [Technical Assistance Resources](#)

### New York State ESSA Resources:

- New York State Department of Education: [New York State's Final ESSA Plan Summary](#)
- New York State Department of Education: ESSA Fact Sheets for [Parents](#), [Educators](#), and [School Board Members](#)

### ESSA Toolkits and Handbooks:

#### *Early Childhood*

- National Head Start Association: [Toolkit to Help Schools Coordinate with Early Childhood Education Programs](#)

#### *High School*

- National Association of Secondary School Principals: [ESSA Toolkit for Principals](#)

#### *Meaningful Stakeholder Engagement*

- Partners for Each and Every Child and Council of Chief State School Officers: [Handbook for LEA and School Leaders on Meaningful Local Engagement under ESSA](#)

#### *Afterschool Programs*

- Afterschool Alliance: [ESSA Toolkit](#)

#### *Children with Learning and/or Attention Problems*

- Understood.org(Understood for learning & attention issues): [ESSA Parent Advocacy Toolkit](#)

### Addressing health in school under ESSA:

#### *Learning and Health:*

- Healthy Schools Campaign and Alliance for a Healthier Generation: [Using Needs Assessments to Connect Learning + Health Opportunities in the Every Student Succeeds Act \(ESSA\)](#)
- Alliance for a Healthier Generation and Healthy Schools Campaign: [Addressing Nutrition and Physical Activity through ESSA Implementation](#)
- SHAPE America: [ESSA and Health/Physical Education](#)
- University of Maryland, Center for School Mental Health: [ESSA and Implications for School Mental Health](#)
- National Association of School Psychologists: [ESSA Mental and Behavioral Health](#)

#### *Chronic Absenteeism:*

- Alliance for a Healthier Generation, Attendance Works, and Healthy Schools Campaign:  
[Addressing Chronic Absenteeism through ESSA Implementation](#)