



# Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA)



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## ESSA Background

- Bipartisan federal law signed in December 2015
- Amended the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, replacing No Child Left Behind provisions
- Each state had to submit a state plan detailing how it would comply with the new law
- With a strong, proven accountability system, Florida was already ahead of most of the nation as it relates to the requirements of ESSA

## Florida's ESSA State Plan

- Drafted with public input, including workgroup of superintendents
- Approved September 26, 2018
- Preserves the focus on increased student achievement
- No changes to Florida's state accountability systems
  - School Grades
  - Differentiated Accountability/School Turnaround
- Adds a federal calculation to satisfy ESSA requirements
  - New Federal Percent of Points Index ("Federal Index")

## New ESSA Accountability Provisions

- Inclusion of English Language Learner (ELL) proficiency progress as a separate accountability indicator, as required by US Department of Education
- Additional focus on reporting of student subgroup performance
- Additional federal school improvement designations and support
- Revamped public report cards of state, district and school data

# Federal Index

ESSA Indicator	Florida Component
<b>Academic Achievement – including Student Growth</b>	English Language Arts (ELA) Achievement
	Mathematics Achievement
	Learning Gains ELA
	Learning Gains Mathematics
	Learning Gains Lowest 25% ELA
	Learning Gains Lowest 25% Mathematics
<b>Graduation Rate</b>	4-Year Graduation Rate
<b>School Quality or Student Success</b>	Science
	Social Studies
	Middle School – Acceleration
	High School – College and Career Acceleration
<b>Progress in Achieving English Language Proficiency (ELP)</b>	ELP Progress (new indicator for federal purposes)

## New List of Schools Identified Under ESSA for Additional Support

- The list will be posted at <http://www.fldoe.org/academics/essa.shtml>
- The list contains the school's Federal Index, overall ESSA status (comprehensive (CS&I) or targeted (TS&I) support and improvement), and the subgroups identified for support
- This list represents **baseline data** from the 2017-18 School Year, and **no additional action** is required
- This list provides useful information to plan and allocate resources for school improvement

## Summary of the 2017-18 Baseline Data

- A total of 553 schools are identified for Comprehensive support (CS&I)
  - This includes Florida's D&F schools (230 schools)
  - The rigor of Florida's current School Grades system is evidenced by the reality that 51 D schools identified here would be unidentified if we solely relied on the Federal Index
  - Over half of the 553 schools (299) are ungraded schools, providing an opportunity to engage stakeholders to improve school accountability for these alternative, ESE, and DJJ schools

## Summary of the 2017-18 Baseline Data

- A total of 1,952 higher-performing schools are identified for Targeted support (TS&I) to address pockets of performance problems with specific student subgroups
  - This stresses the need to be innovative in even our high-performing schools to address the outcomes of all students, particularly students with special needs
  - Over half (55%) of the schools identified for Targeted support have only one subgroup identified, and the vast majority (96%) have three or fewer subgroups identified

# State, District, and School Report Cards

- A new interactive report card will provide the federally required components for the state, district, and school report cards
- Includes the following:
  - School grade and school grade components, and Federal Index
    - Components disaggregated by subgroup
    - State, District, School level
  - English Language Proficiency Progress
    - State, District, School level
  - Whether the school was identified for support
- Anticipated release in February with an opportunity to provide feedback for improvements before an official launch in Summer 2019

## Additional Resources

- Florida's ESSA plan

<http://www.fldoe.org/core/fileparse.php/14196/urlt/FL-ESSA-StatePlan.pdf>

- Presentations on the Accountability and School Improvement Components of Florida's ESSA Plan

<http://www.fldoe.org/core/fileparse.php/14196/urlt/essa-summ-aa-sip.pdf>

<http://www.fldoe.org/core/fileparse.php/7506/urlt/BreakoutSession-3-1118.pdf>



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