

West Virginia PTA

College and Career Readiness Initiative



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Understanding ESSA The Every Student Succeeds Act

What is the Every Student Succeeds Act? What does this mean for my child and for family engagement in school districts and schools? The first step for every PTA member in the state is understanding how this new law works and the implications for you, PTA, your school and your state. It is imperative to learn about the new changes in ESSA before you can teach other PTA members in your state about the new law. If you would like West Virginia PTA to come to your school or community and answer questions, or host a workshop, email takeaction@westvirginiapta.org. Don't forget, we will provide the refreshments!

A History of ESEA

The Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) was first signed into law in 1965 by President Lyndon B. Johnson. Nearly 40 years later, President George W. Bush signed the No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB) into law in 2002 which reauthorized the original ESEA. In December 2015, the U.S. Congress passed the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), a new law to replace NCLB. President Obama subsequently signed ESSA into law on Dec. 10, 2015.

Roadmaps to Navigate ESSA

National PTA, West Virginia PTA, our constituent associations and advocates across the country are seeking to empower all families to be active participants in the state and local implementation of ESSA to ensure equity and opportunity for all students. We still need funding in Fiscal Year 2018 for Statewide Family Engagement Centers which PTA knows is the key to the continued success of our students!

Why should you host an ESSA Education Event in your school or community?

West Virginia PTA is working on educating all of the parents in our state on the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), College and Career Readiness (CCRI), and how you can expand upon your advocacy efforts in your community. There is NO COST and we'll even bring the refreshments!

Parents likely have questions about ESSA and what that means for their child and school. For the first time, ESSA acknowledges the critical role that parents and other community members play in student success by requiring that they are involved in the implementation process. As a PTA leader, you can educate and empower families to be informed and get involved in the implementation of the new law.

If you'd like to learn more about the standards and assessments or schedule a workshop at your school, please email takeaction@westvirginiapta.org.

[WV PTA ESSA Resources/Contacts](#)

Check out the wonderful resources from National PTA and West Virginia about ESSA (Every Student Succeeds Act) and the implementation of our federal education law on our state PTA website: www.westvirginiapta.org. Contact any one of our team members today to schedule a workshop at your school!

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