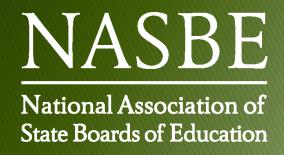
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Opportunities & Requirements in the Post-ESSA World





"With great power comes great responsibility."

ESSA Requirement - Standards

Requires assurance that states adopt challenging academic content standards in reading, math, and science with three levels of achievement that are aligned with entrance requirements for credit- bearing coursework in the states' higher education system as well as the state's career and technical education standards.

ESSA Opportunities - Standards

- May set standards in other areas
- Opportunity to move beyond a compliance model

ESSA Requirements - Assessments

- Requires annual testing in math and ELA in grades 3 - 8 and once in high school
- Requires state testing in science annually in grade spans 3-5, 6-8, and 10-12.

ESSA Opportunities - Assessments

- Give a single summative test or break up the assessment into smaller components given throughout the year.
- Allow LEAs to use a nationally-recognized high school academic assessment (like the SAT) in lieu of a state-developed assessment,
- Create a new locally-designed competencybased and performance-based assessment?

ESSA Requirements - Accountability

- Requires state-developed accountability systems that
 - o Include performance goals for each subgroup,
 - Annually measure student performance based on state assessments,
 - o For high schools: annually measure graduation rates,

ESSA Opportunities - Accountability

- Other measure of student success is required
- What do you value?
- How can you use accountability to move beyond compliance?

ESSA Requirements - Turnarounds

- Interventions
- For the bottom 5 percent of schools and for high schools with graduation rates of 67 percent or less:
- Districts develop evidence-based plans.
- States monitor turnaround efforts.

ESSA Requirements - Turnarounds

- If schools continue to struggle for up to four years, states decide on corrective action: take over a school, replace principal and staff, or convert the school into a charter.
- Districts could also allow students to transfer out of seriously low-performing schools, but they have to give priority to the students who need it most.

ESSA Opportunities - Turnarounds

- States have flexibility in determining an approach
- States can set aside up to 7 percent of their Title I funds for school turnarounds (up from 4 percent in current law).

Further Questions?

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