

The Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA)

Family Recommendations to the State

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Implementing Federal Law

Federal- ESSA

- Congress passes legislation and President signs into law
- U.S. Department of Education issues regulations to implement the law



State

- Texas Legislature passes legislation and Governor signs into law
- Texas Education Agency issues regulations to implement the law



Local School Boards

- The local school board issues policies

Examples of Policy Concerns Under ESSA at the State Level

- **How will the State of Texas exercise its discretionary authority and will it roll-back on civil rights protections?**
- Will state goals for achievement and graduation be meaningful to protect civil rights?
- Will accountability indicators help identify struggling students in a meaningful way?
- What will the “other school quality and success indicators” include?
- Will high-stakes testing consequences continue?
- Will required tests in excess of federal requirements continue in Texas?
- Will school interventions for low-performing schools be supportive or punitive?

State Policy Concerns (cont.)

- How much discretion will school districts have in evaluating teachers meaningfully or will they be required to include student performance?
- Will privately-operated charter schools and vouchers continue to distract attention from providing all students great opportunities in their neighborhood school?
- Will Texas create effective policies that allow the state to recruit and retain high quality teachers?
- Will Texas finally provide schools with the resources needed to help all students succeed?

What will Local School Boards do under ESSA and State Laws?

- HB 5: Endorsements and College Readiness
- HB 5: Graduation Review Committees
- Poor quality pre-K
- Higher Class Sizes
- Inequitable Intra-district Allocations and other resources
- Unqualified, Inexperienced Teachers and long-term substitutes
- Compensatory programs: i.e., before/afterschool tutoring, summer school
- School Discipline policies
- Support struggling students, teachers, school leaders and parents
- **Family and Community Engagement**



Family and Community Engagement Under Federal, State and Local Laws and Policies

Federal-ESSA

- Direct Parent Outreach
- School-Parent Compact
- Family Engagement Programs
- Statewide Family Engagement Centers

State

- April 2017 – Release draft plan for public comment
- July 2017 – Submit final state plan to USDE for approval
- Final approval from USDE within 120 days

Local School Boards

- School and district family engagement plans
- **How to measure parent and family engagement**



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