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Find out how to comment on the Texas ESSA plan!

Only one week remains to share your comments on the Texas State Plan for the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). The plan could lead to a series of significant changes for K-12 schools in Texas. The public comment period ends Aug. 29.

Each state is developing its plan for carrying out the ESSA law. States are required to involve and consult with parents on their state education plans. These plans should lead to improved academic outcomes and ensure that low-income and minority children are being taught by qualified, experienced teachers and are not subject to disproportionate disciplinary measures.

[An overview of Texas plan is online.](#) Ideas and feedback should be submitted by email to: essa@tea.texas.gov .

[See IDRA's Considerations for Community Feedback for the Texas ESSA Plan.](#)

We hope that organizations, families and individuals send their own responses to the Texas Education Commissioner on this plan. The community must voice its opinion of this plan.

The ESSA dollars are the federal investment in the children that need the most assistance and help from our schools. This money should be used with strong recommendations from

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our communities.

You can make your recommendations as small or big as you chose, but please let your opinions be recorded.

Pass this on to other families and groups. If someone you know doesn't have access to a computer and e-mail, ask someone who does to send their recommendations by e-mail to the Texas Education Agency.

Faltan menos de una semana para compartir sus comentarios sobre el Plan Estatal de Texas para la Ley de Sucesos de Todos los Estudiantes (ESSA). El plan podría llevar a una serie de cambios significativos para las escuelas de K-12 en Texas. El período de comentarios públicos finaliza el 29 de agosto.

Únase al seminario web bilingüe de IDRA el miércoles a las 11:00 a.m. CST para obtener una visión general de los problemas clave y aprender a compartir sus comentarios sobre el plan estatal de ESSA.

Cada estado está desarrollando su plan para llevar a cabo la ley ESSA. Los estados están obligados a involucrar y consultar con los padres en sus planes estatales de educación. Estos planes deben conducir a mejores resultados académicos y asegurar que los niños de bajos ingresos y minorías sean enseñados por maestros calificados y experimentados y no estén sujetos a medidas disciplinarias desproporcionadas .

[Una visión general del plan de Texas está en línea \(en Inglés\).](#) Envíen ideas y comentarios: essa@tea.texas.gov .

[Vea las consideraciones de IDRA para las recomendaciones de la comunidad para el plan Texas ESSA.](#)

Esperamos que las organizaciones, familias e individuos envíen sus propias respuestas al Comisionado de Educación de Texas sobre este plan. La comunidad debe expresar su opinión sobre este plan.

Los dólares de la ESSA son la inversión federal en los niños que necesitan la mayor cantidad de asistencia y ayuda de nuestras escuelas. Este dinero debe ser usado con fuertes recomendaciones de nuestras comunidades.

Usted puede hacer sus recomendaciones como pequeñas o grandes como usted eligió, pero por favor deje sus opiniones ser registradas.

Por favor pase esto a otras familias y grupos. Si alguien que usted conoce no tiene acceso a una computadora y correo electrónico, pídale a alguien que envíe sus recomendaciones por



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Learn more about IDRA's Education CAFE Model

Grounded in IDRA's Family Leadership in Education framework, an Education CAFE is a parent group that is rooted in a community-based organization, rather than in a single school. And its sole purpose is to collaborate with schools to improve the success of students in the community.

There are hundreds of Education CAFE families in multiple areas working with school leaders to monitor the academic success of their children and other neighborhood children.



Education CAFE
Community Action Forums for Excellence

Networks of family leaders transforming their public schools

Education Projects - Education CAFEs work on education projects using valuable skills. For example, they bring families together to monitor education policies and their implications for children's access to advanced coursework, dual credit, and post-secondary success; the state's education budget; and college

Education CAFEs are community-based organizations, committees, or networks that leverage existing local assets and resources to improve students' academic achievement and engagement from kindergarten through high school.

With support from the U.S. Hispanic Leadership Initiative (HLI), IDRA is creating a Texas Education CAFE Network to share joint education policies and practices related to implementation of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA).

These components are central to the Education CAFE approach:

- Community-based, Distributed Leadership -** Education CAFEs are based in local organizations that connect to local education (among other mission areas). Meetings are held by parents, grandparents, students (older siblings), neighbors and all who consider themselves supporters of children's academic success and learn. By relying on distributed roles, the Education CAFE is not dependent on a central, charismatic leader and instead is based on trust and action from all.
- School Partnerships -** Education CAFE members come together and partner with schools in their neighborhoods to ensure student success. Collaborative action, strengthening and sharing responsibility for outreach and ongoing projects that improve education in their neighborhood public schools.

Based on this mission, in late 2013, IDRA was selected by the U.S. Department of Education to expand development of and research on Education CAFEs in five communities in South Texas, through the 21 Initiative. By the end of the grant period, there were eight Communities who collaborated across communities on several education leadership projects. Today, there are hundreds of Education CAFE families in multiple areas working with school leaders to improve the academic success of their children and other neighborhood children.

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We are committed to the IDRA valuing philosophy, respecting the knowledge and skills of the individuals we work with and build on the strengths of the students and parents in their schools.