

# What's New in ESSA?

## Quick Facts: TITLE I, PART A: FEDERAL REQUIREMENTS



### **PERSONALIZED LEARNING**

Grants are provided to help students enroll in programs otherwise unavailable, including supports for college classes, tutoring, and public school choice.

### **COLLEGE-READY STANDARDS**

ESSA requires states' standards to align with the state's higher education institutions.

### **MULTIPLE MEASURES OF STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT**

Assessments now need to include multiple measures of achievement, including higher order thinking and understanding.

### **STATE LEVEL ACCOUNTABILITY**

The Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) system has been removed, and states are required to develop their own long-term progress goals. Improvement strategies are developed at the state level, instead of the federal level.

### **BETTER SCHOOL REPORTING**

ESSA requires states to offer more information to parents regarding the quality of their child's schools, with dozens of indicators included.

### **PARENT & FAMILY ENGAGEMENT**

Districts must set aside money to better bring parents and family members into their child's learning process.

### **HIGHLY QUALIFIED TEACHERS**

Certification of teachers has been returned to the states, removing the federal Highly Qualified Teachers (HQT) system.

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