

Why Use the Locally-Designed ESSA Toolkit

Overview

The Every Student Succeeds Act, ESSA, requires districts provide ongoing stakeholder engagement. Specifically for schools served under Title I, parents and families can develop plans, implement effective parent and family involvement activities and conduct an annual evaluation of the parent and family engagement policy in improving academic quality. Additionally, parents and family members will inform support and improvement plans for low-performing schools. The ESSA creates bold expectations for continuing collaboration among districts and stakeholders.

For busy school district leaders who desire to broadly engage stakeholders, this locally-designed ESSA toolkit provides templates that can be customized to accelerate your community collaboration.

How Does the Toolkit Help?

- ✓ Gives synopsis of ESSA and its opportunities
- ✓ Offers resources to launch engagement process
- ✓ Catalyzes a new phase of district-community partnerships
- ✓ Pilots a parent and family involvement activity structure that can be replicated
- ✓ Expedites ability to comply with ESSA requirements
- ✓ Creates flexibility for your district to respond to your local community
- ✓ Generates consistency among districts to inform a statewide plan
- ✓ Develops a community-led vision for success

Toolkit Resources

- **Frequently Asked Questions, FAQ** (3)
- **Step by Step Guide to Use Toolkit** (4-5)
- **Guiding Principles and Protocols** (6-8)
- **ESSA Overview Video Link** (9)
- **Focus Group Questions: *Students, Family and Community Members, Educators, Combined*** (10-17)
- **Focus Group Combined Questions Translated into Spanish, Vietnamese, Farsi and Arabic** (18-23)
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