



# The Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA)

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# Overview

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- New Federal Law, Replaced No Child Left Behind (NCLB) [See Document 1]
- State Plan Must Be Approved by the U.S. Department of Education (USED)
- Implementation in 2017–18 School Year

# NC Plan Submission Timeline

## (DRAFT)

2016	
August/September	Draft plan
October/November	Solicit public comments; revise draft plan
November	Finalize plan
December	Seek State Board approval
December	Submit to Governor (30 day review)
2017	
January	Present to NC General Assembly
March 6	Submit plan to USED



# Major Points

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- Accountability
- Assessments
- Low-Performing Schools
- Teacher and School Leaders
- 21<sup>st</sup> Century Schools



# Big Questions

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- 1) How do we measure student success?
  - Academic Achievement on Assessments
  - Graduation Rates
  - Growth
  - Other Indicators (School Quality & Student Success)
  - Progress of English Learners

# Big Questions

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## 2) How do we assess students?

- Each year grades 3–8 in Reading and Math (required)
- Once in Elementary and Middle School Grades in Science (required)
- Once in High Schools in Reading, Math, and Science (required)
- Plus?

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- 3) How do we provide support for low-performing schools?
- 4) How will LEAs spend money?
- 5) How do we improve skills of teachers and principals?



# Progress to Date

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- Public Comment Sessions in Fall & Spring
- External Stakeholder Engagement Meetings in Spring and Fall [See Document 2]
- NCDPI Website:  
<http://www.ncpublicschools.org/succeeds/>
- School Performance Grades (A-F) vs. ESSA [See Document 3]



# USED *Proposed* Regulations

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- Accountability, State Plans, and Data Reporting (Comments were due August 1)
- Academic Assessments (Comments due September 9)
- Innovative Assessment Demonstration Authority (Comments due September 9)



# ESSA Funding for Local Schools



Funds allocated to  
State based on  
poverty census  
data



State allocates  
funds to local  
education  
agencies and  
charter schools



LEA allocates  
funds to schools

# Title I Funds

- NC receives approximately \$464,000,000 each year
- 94% of all NC schools operate schoolwide programs (most flexibility)
- Approximately 80% of funds used for staff salaries
- Over \$48,000,000 supports preschool programs

