



EVERY STUDENT SUCCEEDS ACT (ESSA) RESOURCES (as of Feb. 18, 2016)

To assist state education leaders and policymakers, Education Commission of the States compiled the following resources related to the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). While not an exhaustive list, these resources will help states as they work to understand and implement the changes associated with the passage of ESSA.

Alliance for Excellent Education: A [collection](#) of resources, including side-by-side charts to compare topic areas under NCLB, waivers and ESSA. This PowerPoint [presentation](#) outlines ESSA basics.

ASCD: A two-page report that presents a [timeline](#) for ESSA implementation.

Bellwether Partners: [What Does the NCLB Rewrite Mean for Personalized Learning?](#) offers a discussion of ESSA and personalized learning.

CCSSO: This [website](#) includes resources for ESSA implementation broken out by topic area.

Education Next: These reports provide advice from major education policy players on how states should navigate new opportunities under ESSA: [part 1](#) and [part 2](#).

The Education Trust: A [Fast Fact](#) infographic provides a basic overview of ESSA.

Education Week: [ESEA Reauthorization: The Every Student Succeeds Act Explained](#) provides a summary and compilation of resources.

Fordham Institute: This overview offers a [discussion](#) of state vs. local authority under ESSA. This [webinar](#) examines methods of implementing ESSA. These documents are a result of Fordham's [ESSA Accountability Design Competition](#).

Foundation for Excellence in Education: [What States Need to Know](#) captures key change areas, opportunities for states and a transition timeline.

Hunt Institute: This [brief](#) explains the evolution of ESEA and changes under ESSA.

National Association of Charter School Authorizers: This webpage presents detailed [information](#) on ESSA and charter school authorizing.

National Conference of State Legislatures: [Summary of the Every Student Succeeds Act, Legislation Reauthorizing the Elementary and Secondary Education Act](#). This report summarizes the major provisions of ESSA by topic.

National Education Policy Center: This [blog post](#) explores concerns about teacher preparation.

U.S. Department of Education: Several resources are provided, including a [letter](#) to chief state school officers reminding states of testing requirements under ESSA, a [letter](#) explaining certain aspects of the transition to ESSA implementation, a [letter](#) updating states on certain aspects of the transition to ESSA implementation and a [letter](#) to chief state school officers highlighting how states can use federal funds to conduct assessment audits and improve their assessment systems.

Resources Related to Changing SEA Roles

The Aspen Institute: [Roles and Responsibilities of the State Education Agency](#) presents a discussion guide to help state leaders consider what roles and responsibilities they can realistically shoulder long-term.

Bellwether Partners: [The Coming ESSA Cliff](#) and [A 'Dashboard' Accountability System Isn't Good Enough](#) offer analysis of school improvement and accountability issues, respectively.

Center on Reinventing Public Education: [The SEA of the Future: Building Agency Capacity for Evidence-Based Policymaking](#) explores how state education agencies can bolster their ability to use research and data to drive key decisions.

EdSource: [Districts Break New Ground with New Index on School Performance](#) focuses on accountability issues specifically related to California school districts in the CORE collaborative.

Education Week: [States Collaborate in Pursuit of Fresh Accountability Ideas](#) provides a discussion on accountability issues.