

Every Student Succeeds Act



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What is the Every Student Succeeds Act?

The Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) was passed into federal law in December of 2015 to reauthorize the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA), replacing the previous version of the law, No Child Left Behind (NCLB). ESSA is marketed as affording states greater flexibility and the new law encourages states and schools to innovate, while maintaining a focus on accountability, state and local systems of improvement and a more balanced assessment system.

What does this mean for Arizona?

Under ESSA, ADE is responsible for creating a State Plan that reflects a statewide shared vision for Arizona's students and schools. The State Plan will include Arizona's vision for our unique state and will include topics such as accountability, funding, school improvement and grant-making systems.



What can you do?

Last year, Arizona Superintendent of Public Instruction Diane Douglas launched her inaugural We Are Listening Tour to receive feedback from the people of Arizona in directing education policy. Last year's feedback resulted in the creation of a formal education plan. The **Arizona Kids Can't Wait!** plan contains 156-pages of education improvements based on what the consensus of people in Arizona requested.

Superintendent Douglas' 2016 We Are Listening Tour has begun. This year, you will have the opportunity to not only submit your feedback to direct our state education policy, but you will also have a chance to provide suggestions for our ESSA State Plan!

We encourage you to join one of the 16 We Are Listening Tour stops throughout Arizona. If you cannot attend, you can submit your comments in writing on the ESSA Stakeholder Comment Form or online by visiting www.azed.gov/weheardyou/.

AZ Kids Can't Wait





**ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
ESSA STAKEHOLDER COMMENT FORM**

Please write your comments below. You may attach additional pages if necessary. You may return your comments at the end of the meeting or mail them to:

**ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
1535 West Jefferson Street, Bin #2
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You can also provide feedback by visiting us online at: www.azed.gov/essa or emailing us at ESSAinbox@azed.gov.

What school characteristics are most important?

How should we measure student and school success?

How do we ensure all students and schools are successful?



How should we celebrate school success?

Other Comments

OPTIONAL

<p>Name:</p> <p>Town/City:</p> <p>School District:</p> <p>School:</p> <p>Email:</p>	<p><i>Please check all categories that apply.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Arizona student (K-12)<input type="checkbox"/> Educator or education-related professional in Arizona<input type="checkbox"/> Parent or family member of an Arizona student<input type="checkbox"/> Work at or attend a rural Arizona school, district or charter<input type="checkbox"/> Arizona charter school leader<input type="checkbox"/> Member of an Arizona tribal organization (Native American)<input type="checkbox"/> Arizona community organization representative<input type="checkbox"/> Representative of an Arizona civil rights (ADA, ELL, etc.) organization<input type="checkbox"/> Work for an institution of higher learning in Arizona<input type="checkbox"/> Arizona employer<input type="checkbox"/> Member of the Arizona public
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