



ESSA: The California Way

California Department of Education (CDE) Communications

The Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) was signed into law by President Barack Obama on December 10, 2015, and goes into full effect in the 2017–18 school year. The ESSA reauthorizes the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, the nation’s federal education law, and replaces the No Child Left Behind Act.

As part of California’s transition to ESSA, California must submit an ESSA State Plan to the U.S. Department of Education (ED). The State Plan will describe the State’s implementation of standards, assessment, accountability, and assistance programs and will move us toward California’s goal of having a single, coherent local, state, and federal education system.

We encourage you to use the resources below to stay informed and engaged throughout the plan development process.

CDE ESSA Web Page

<http://www.cde.ca.gov/essa>

This page provides links to the ED, correspondence from the ED, and correspondence from the CDE to local educational agencies.

CDE ESSA Listserv

To receive notifications when new ESSA-related information becomes available, including opportunities to participate in the development of the California ESSA State Plan, please send a blank e-mail message to join-essa@mlist.cde.ca.gov.

California Practitioners Advisory Group Web page

<http://www.cde.ca.gov/be/cc/cp/>

Information about the State Board of Education’s California Practitioners Advisory Group (CPAG), which provides input regarding local, state, and federal accountability and also serves as the Title I Committee of Practitioners. This will be a useful resource for tracking discussions and decisions related to the emerging accountability system. To receive notifications regarding CPAG meetings and materials, please send a blank e-mail message to join-cpag@mlist.cde.ca.gov.

Questions? Comments? Suggestions?

Please contact the CDE ESSA Office by e-mail at ESSA@cde.ca.gov or by phone at 916-319-0843.