

Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) Implementation Begins

What's New and What Do the Changes Mean for You?

Consultation begins in School Year 2016-2017 and rollout will be during School Year 2017-2018.

TWO BIG CHANGES!!

1. Proportional share for private school students of total amount allocated will be determined prior to any set asides!! This change will provide more funding under Title I for the private school program in most school districts.
2. Funds must be obligated for the fiscal year in which they were allocated.

Additional changes and improvements under ESSA:

- The goal of consultation is to reach consensus – it's a better opportunity for private schools to have their voices heard.
- Services include all previous options PLUS the option for 1:1 tutoring, counseling, and mentoring—separately or in combination.
- Each state will designate an ombudsman to monitor and enforce the requirements of ESSA, in order to ensure equity for private school students.
- Consultation has always included a notice of the proportion of funds available, but now also includes how those funds were determined.
- Consultation includes a discussion of whether to pool funds among all students from all schools in the cohorts.
- If the LEA disagrees with the private school on any topic (previously only the provision of services through 3rd party), the LEA must provide an analysis of its reasons in writing to private school officials.
- The written affirmation for Title I is now applicable to all programs and must include a provision that allows the private school official to indicate a belief that timely and meaningful consultation has not occurred.
- The private school official can file a complaint if: due consideration was not given to his/her views; district did not engage in consultation that was timely and meaningful; or district did not make a decision that treats the private school students equitably.

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