



ESEA Update

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ESEA Renewal application update

Progress is ongoing; final stages

Waiver components:

Principle 1- Standards implementation and assessments

Principle 2- Title I school progress status determinations

Principle 3- Educator effectiveness

ESEA Accountability:

State requirements

Section 1111-

(b) (2) Accountability (I):

(i) Annual targets for all required subgroups

(ii) 95% participation for all required subgroups

ESEA Accountability: District requirements

Section 1116

(A) use the State academic assessments to review annually the progress of each school to determine whether the school is making adequate yearly progress as defined in the ESEA waiver

(C) publicize and disseminate the results of the local annual review to parents, teachers, principals, schools, and the community to refine program of instruction designed to help all children meet State academic standards

ESEA Accountability: School requirements

Section 1118

School level Parental involvement

(e)(1) Building capacity for Involvement

Provide assistance to parents, in understanding the State's academic content standards and State student academic achievement standards, State and local academic assessments

Title IA Application Requirements

Assurances, Needs Assessment & Planning Page:

- Item I--Requires an improvement plan if any school in the SAU did not meet the requirement to have 95% participation of its students in the State Assessment
 - Describe steps to be taken to educate parents within the SAU/school encouraging student participation and to address opt out requests.
 - If applicable, describe the SAU's opt out process
 - Copy of parent authorization opting student out of testing

Title IA Application Requirements

- If participation rate is **less than 75%** for the whole school, documentation of letters, mailings, information provided to parents and data related to the reasons for the “opt-out” will be requested.
- Not meeting the 95% requirement again in future years could include incremental penalties against the SAU’s federal Title IA funds.

ESEA Reauthorization

Senate:

Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee unanimously passed a bipartisan ESEA reauthorization bill April 16.

House

House Committee on Education and the Workforce met on February 11 to "mark up" (debate and vote on) the ESEA reauthorization bill by Representative John Kline (R-MN). Bill passed 21 (R)/16 (D)