



## Every Student Succeeds Act and Opportunities to Prioritize Early Learning Policy Goals

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Since the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) was signed into law on December 10, 2015, several states have started making plans for a smooth transition into full implementation in the 2017-2018 school year. On November 29, 2016, the Department of Education established two deadlines to submit final state ESSA plans: April 3rd, 2017 or September 18, 2017. As of May 2017, sixteen states and the District of Columbia have made public final state plans to address key issues in education policy<sup>1</sup>. For further information and resources on ESSA and Early Learning see our webpage [here](#).

CEELO reviews all 50 states' department of education websites for updates on information related to ESSA state plans and implementation and updates this information monthly<sup>2</sup>. The purpose of this month's ESSA and Early Education scan is to identify when final state plans will be posted, and determine the state's plans for implementing their ESSA goals. This document includes:

- State pages devoted to ESSA information
- Deadline for state's final plan
- State ESSA plans
- State ESSA implementation guidance documents

A brief overview:

- **State Website Page Devoted to ESSA:** 50 state Department of Education websites and the District of Columbia have a dedicated page for ESSA information.
- **State Timelines for Development of State Plans:** 16 states and the District of Columbia have provided final state plans by the May 3rd deadline. States who committed to the April 3rd deadline were permitted to extend their submission deadline to May 3rd in order to accommodate Governor's 30-day review period. All other states will submit before the September 18 deadline. CELO has provided links to state's consolidated draft plans if posted publicly.
- **Implementation Plans:** Some states have posted implementation guidelines in order to assist districts putting into practice new policies enforced through state plans. New Jersey posted resources to assist districts in determining how best to use federal funds in order to

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<sup>1</sup> The Department of Education is posting final plans submitted for peer review [here](#).

<sup>2</sup> The information in this document is based on a scan of public information and has not been vetted with state leaders.

support services students with different needs throughout localities. Washington also posted trainings for districts on several aspects of ESSA to help prepare for the first school year of the new plan. Minnesota has also posted guidance around required school improvement activities at the district and state levels, with a promise of more resources to come.

- Early Childhood in Completed Plans:** Many states are using ESSA as an opportunity to improve early childhood programs through a variety of strategies. Most are using kindergarten transition plans, required for Title I funding, as a way to identify additional supports that may be needed for both targeted groups and individual children to succeed through K-12 education. ESSA has also given states an opportunity for K-12 education departments to collaborate more proactively with early childhood departments. By allowing more opportunity for these departments to work collaboratively, states are shaping their standards to become a continuum of education, rather than two separate entities. States are also increasing targeted professional development opportunities for educators, improving data systems, developing targeted toolkits to aid educators, administrators, and parents, and improving overall program quality. For more information on how early childhood is reflected in ESSA, see CEELO and New America’s blog series [Early Ed in ESSA: Helping Every Child Succeed](#).

Highlighted rows include final state plans:

State and ESSA Website	Final Deadline for Plan	Link to State Plan	Implementation Guidelines
<a href="#">Alabama</a>	September 18th, 2017		
<a href="#">Alaska</a>	September 18th, 2017		
<a href="#">Arizona</a>	April 3rd, 2017	<a href="#">January 9, 2017: Arizona Consolidated State Plan</a>	
<a href="#">Arkansas</a>	September 18th, 2017		
<a href="#">California</a>	September 18th, 2017		
<a href="#">Colorado</a>	April 3rd, 2017	<a href="#">Colorado Consolidated State Plan Under ESSA</a>	
<a href="#">Connecticut</a>	April 3rd, 2017	<a href="#">Connecticut Consolidated State Plan</a>	
<a href="#">DC</a>	April 3rd, 2017	<a href="#">District of Columbia Consolidated State Plan</a>	

<a href="#">Delaware</a>	April 3rd, 2017	<a href="#">Delaware Consolidated State Plan</a>	
<a href="#">Florida</a>	September 18th, 2017		
<a href="#">Georgia</a>	September 18th, 2017		
<a href="#">Hawaii</a>	September 18th, 2017	<a href="#">December 6, 2016: Hawaii's Blueprint for Public Education</a>	
<a href="#">Idaho</a>	September 18th, 2017	<a href="#">April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2017: Idaho Consolidated State Plan</a>	
<a href="#">Illinois</a>	April 3rd, 2017	<a href="#">Illinois Consolidated State Plan</a>	
<a href="#">Indiana</a>	September 18th, 2017		
<a href="#">Iowa</a>	September 18th, 2017	<a href="#">January 2017: Draft State Plan, Every Student Succeeds Act in Iowa</a>	
<a href="#">Kansas</a>	September 18th, 2017		
<a href="#">Kentucky</a>	September 18th, 2017		
<a href="#">Louisiana</a>	April 3rd, 2017	<a href="#">Louisiana Believes: Louisiana's Elementary &amp; Secondary Education Plan Pursuant to the Federal Every Student Succeeds Act</a>	
<a href="#">Maine</a>	April 3rd, 2017	<a href="#">March 27, 2017: The Maine Consolidated State Plan</a>	
<a href="#">Maryland</a>	September 18th, 2017	<a href="#">December 5, 2016: Maryland Consolidated State Plan</a>	
<a href="#">Massachusetts</a>	April 3rd, 2017	<a href="#">Massachusetts Consolidated State Plan</a>	
<a href="#">Michigan</a>	April 3rd, 2017	<a href="#">Michigan's Consolidated State Plan Under the Every Student Succeeds Act</a>	

<a href="#">Minnesota</a>	September 18th, 2017		<a href="#">Implementing ESSA</a>
<a href="#">Mississippi</a>	September 18th, 2017	<a href="#">Working Draft May 1<sup>st</sup>: Mississippi Consolidated State Plan</a>	
<a href="#">Missouri</a>	April 3rd, 2017		
<a href="#">Montana</a>	April 3rd, 2017	<a href="#">December 2016: Montana Consolidated State Plan</a>	
<a href="#">Nebraska</a>	September 18th, 2017		
<a href="#">Nevada</a>	April 3rd, 2017	<a href="#">Nevada Consolidated State Plan</a>	
<a href="#">New Hampshire</a>	September 18th, 2017		
<a href="#">New Jersey</a>	April 3rd, 2017	<a href="#">Every Student Succeeds Act New Jersey State Plan</a>	<a href="#">District Implementation Guidance</a>
<a href="#">New Mexico</a>	April 3rd, 2017	<a href="#">New Mexico Rising: New Mexico's State Plan for the Every Student Succeeds Act</a>	
<a href="#">New York</a>	September 18th, 2017	<a href="#">March 2017: New York Consolidated State Plan</a>	
<a href="#">North Carolina</a>	September 18th, 2017	<a href="#">December 22, 2016: North Carolina Draft Consolidated State Plan</a>	
<a href="#">North Dakota</a>	April 3rd, 2017	<a href="#">North Dakota Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) State Plan</a>	
<a href="#">Ohio</a>	September 18th, 2017	<a href="#">February 2, 2017: Ohio Consolidated State Plan</a>	
<a href="#">Oklahoma</a>	September 18th, 2017	<a href="#">November 2016: Consolidated State Plan Framework, Draft One</a>	
<a href="#">Oregon</a>	April 3rd, 2017	<a href="#">Oregon's Consolidated State Plan Under the Every Student Succeeds Act</a>	

<a href="#">Pennsylvania</a>	September 18th, 2017		
<a href="#">Rhode Island</a>	September 18th, 2017		
<a href="#">South Carolina</a>	September 18th, 2017	<a href="#">October 27, 2016: South Carolina Consolidated State Plan</a>	
<a href="#">South Dakota</a>	September 18th, 2017		
<a href="#">Tennessee</a>	April 3rd, 2017	<a href="#">Every Student Succeeds Act: Building on Success in Tennessee ESSA State Plan</a>	
<a href="#">Texas</a>	September 18th, 2017		
<a href="#">Utah</a>	September 18th, 2017		
<a href="#">Vermont</a>	April 3rd, 2017	<a href="#">Vermont Draft Consolidated State Plan</a>	
<a href="#">Virginia</a>	September 18th, 2017		
<a href="#">Washington</a>	September 18th, 2017	<a href="#">November 13, 2016: Washington's ESSA Consolidated Plan</a>	<a href="#">ESSA District Resources</a> <a href="#">Early Learning in ESSA</a>
<a href="#">West Virginia</a>	September 18th, 2017		
<a href="#">Wisconsin</a>	September 18th, 2017		
<a href="#">Wyoming</a>	September 18th, 2017		