



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 September 2017, all 50 states including the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico have made public state plans to address key issues in education policy¹. Only fifteen state plans have officially been approved by the Department of Education, highlighted in the table below. 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 monthly². The purpose of this month's ESSA and Early Education scan is to provide updated information on all states that have posted final state plans, and to indicate the states that have posted implementation guidance or resources for districts. This document includes:

- State ESSA webpage
- Links to final State ESSA plans
- Links to state ESSA implementation guidance documents

A brief overview:

State Timelines for Development of State Plans: 33 states and Puerto Rico submitted their state plans by the September 18th deadline. SEA's may also revise and resubmit their plans based on Department feedback after plans have already been submitted. CEELo has provided links to state's consolidated draft plans if posted publicly, including revisions where applicable.

- **Implementation Guidance:** 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 support services students with different needs throughout localities. Washington also posted trainings for districts on

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

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

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. Connecticut has also posted a webinar on how parents can assist with the roll out of ESSA and Colorado posted resources on comprehensive needs assessments to inform improvement planning and budgeting. Most recently, in September both Minnesota and Mississippi posted implementation guidance, with Minnesota adding a landing page for resources and tools for implementing ESSA requirements, and Mississippi taking a more targeted approach, offering a communications toolkit to be used by district leadership, principals, and community groups.

- Early Childhood in Completed Plans:** Many states are using ESSA as an opportunity to improve early childhood programs through a variety of strategies. CEELO conducted a scan of all 16 completed state ESSA plans as of April 2017 to determine the extent to which states are addressing early childhood education needs. Notably, Delaware included providing high quality early childhood as a long-term goal, one of the only states so far to do so. Oregon describes policies are being part of a preK-12 continuum and includes both birth to preschool and preschool to kindergarten transition strategies in the Supporting All Students section. Massachusetts and Tennessee will both specifically focus on improving early literacy. Michigan also will plan to encourage LEA’s to blend and braid state funds to achieve greater pay equity for a more stable early childhood workforce. 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](#), and check back on our [website](#) for updates.

Highlighted rows include final state plans:

State ESSA Website	Timeline for Plan Submitted to U.S ED	Link to State Plan	Implementation Guidance
Alabama	September 18th, 2017	ESSA Plan of Alabama Alabama Draft State Plan Submitted July 2017	
Alaska	September 18th, 2017	Alaska Consolidated State Plan Alaska 2nd Draft Application	
Arizona	April 3rd, 2017	Arizona State Plan - Submitted May 2017 January 9, 2017: Arizona Consolidated State Plan	
Arkansas	September 18th, 2017	Every Student Succeeds Act Arkansas State Plan	

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		Arkansas State Plan Draft 2	
California	September 18th, 2017	California ESSA State Plan August 2017: California Consolidated State Plan	
Colorado	April 3rd, 2017	Colorado Consolidated State Plan Under ESSA	Colorado Comprehensive Needs Assessment
Connecticut	April 3rd, 2017	July 17th Revised Consolidated State Plan Connecticut Consolidated State Plan	A Parent’s Role in ESSA Implementation Webinar
DC	April 3rd, 2017	DC Revised State Plan May 2017 District of Columbia Consolidated State Plan	
Delaware	April 3rd, 2017	Delaware Revised State Plan July 2017 Delaware Consolidated State Plan	
Florida	September 18th, 2017	Florida’s ESSA State Plan Florida Draft ESSA State Plan	
Georgia	September 18th, 2017	Educating Georgia’s Future: Georgia’s State Plan for the Every Student Succeeds Act Georgia Draft State Plan	
Hawaii	September 18th, 2017	Hawaii Consolidated State Plan	

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		June 26 2017: Hawaii Consolidated State Plan December 6, 2016: Hawaii’s Blueprint for Public Education	
Idaho	September 18th, 2017	Idaho’s Consolidated State Plan Idaho’s Consolidated State Plan	
Illinois	April 3rd, 2017	Illinois Consolidated State Plan	ESSA State Plan Webinar
Indiana	September 18th, 2017	Indiana ESSA Consolidated Plan June 30, 2017: Indiana Draft State Plan	
Iowa	September 18th, 2017	Every Student Succeeds Act in Iowa Final Plan June 16, 2017: Iowa Second Draft State Plan January 2017: Draft State Plan, Every Student Succeeds Act in Iowa	
Kansas	September 18th, 2017	Kansas Final Consolidated State Plan Kansas Consolidated State Plan	
Kentucky	September 18th, 2017	Kentucky Consolidated State Plan	
Louisiana	April 3rd, 2017	Louisiana Believes: Louisiana’s Elementary & Secondary Education Plan Pursuant to the	

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		Federal Every Student Succeeds Act	
Maine	April 3rd, 2017	March 27, 2017: The Maine Consolidated State Plan	Maine’s Approach to Education : An Overview of Maine’s State Plan for ESSA
Maryland	September 18th, 2017	Maryland ESSA Consolidated State Plan June 27, 2017: Maryland Consolidated State Plan Draft 2 December 5, 2016: Maryland Consolidated State Plan	
Massachusetts	April 3rd, 2017	Massachusetts State Plan Updated May 2017 Massachusetts Consolidated State Plan	
Michigan	April 3rd, 2017	Michigan Consolidated State Plan Updated September 6, 2017 Michigan Consolidated State Plan Updated May 23, 2017 Michigan’s Consolidated State Plan Under the Every Student Succeeds Act	
Minnesota	September 18th, 2017	Minnesota State Plan Draft Minnesota State ESSA Plan	Implementing ESSA
Mississippi	September 18th, 2017	Mississippi Consolidated State Plan	ESSA Communications Toolkit

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		Mississippi Consolidated State Plan - Updated June 16, 2017	
Missouri	April 3rd, 2017	Missouri’s Consolidated State Plan June 2017: Missouri Revised State template for the Consolidated State Plan	
Montana	April 3rd, 2017	Montana’s Consolidated State Plan	
Nebraska	September 18th, 2017	Nebraska’s Consolidated State Plan Under ESSA Final Draft Nebraska’s Consolidated State Plan	
Nevada	April 3rd, 2017	Nevada Consolidated State Plan	
New Hampshire	September 18th, 2017	New Hampshire State Plan Draft	
New Jersey	April 3rd, 2017	Every Student Succeeds Act New Jersey State Plan	District Implementation Guidance
New Mexico	April 3rd, 2017	New Mexico Rising: New Mexico’s State Plan for the Every Student Succeeds Act	
New York	September 18th, 2017	September, 2017: New York Draft Consolidated State Plan July 2017: New York Draft Revised Consolidated State Plan March 2017: New York	Fact Sheets for Parents Fact Sheets for Educators

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		Consolidated State Plan	
North Carolina	September 18th, 2017	North Carolina Consolidated State Plan July 2017: North Carolina Draft Consolidated State Plan	
North Dakota	April 3rd, 2017	North Dakota Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) State Plan	ESSA Implementation Committees
Ohio	September 18th, 2017	Ohio Consolidated State Plan February 2, 2017: Ohio Consolidated State Plan	
Oklahoma	September 18th, 2017	Oklahoma Edge: Oklahoma ESSA Consolidated State Plan July 2017: Consolidated State Plan Framework, Draft Three November 2016: Consolidated State Plan Framework, Draft One	
Oregon	April 3rd, 2017	Oregon’s Consolidated State Plan Under the Every Student Succeeds Act	ESSA Implementation: What’s Next
Pennsylvania	September 18th, 2017	Pennsylvania Consolidated State Plan	ESSA: PA’s Progress in Planning & Implementation
Rhode Island	September 18th, 2017	Rhode Island’s Every Student Succeeds Act State Plan July 2017: Rhode Island’s Every Student Succeeds Act State Plan	

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		June 2017: Rhode Island ESSA State Plan Draft for Public Review	
South Carolina	September 18th, 2017	August 2017: Draft Consolidated State Plan Draft: South Carolina Revised State Template for the Consolidated State plan	March 2017 Virtual Meeting on ESSA Implementation and Development of the Consolidated State Plan
South Dakota	September 18th, 2017	South Dakota Consolidated State Plan May 30, 2017: South Dakota State Plan Proposal	
Tennessee	April 3rd, 2017	Updated August 2017: Every Student Succeeds Act: Building on Success in Tennessee ESSA State Plan July 2017: Every Student Succeeds Act: Building on Success in Tennessee ESSA State Plan	
Texas	September 18th, 2017	TEA Strategic Plan	
Utah	September 18th, 2017	Utah Revised Consolidated State Plan	
Vermont	April 3rd, 2017	Final Vermont Consolidated State Plan Vermont Draft Consolidated State Plan	
Virginia	September 18th, 2017	Final: Virginia Consolidated State Plan Virginia Consolidated State Plan	

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Washington	September 18th, 2017	Final: Washington’s ESSA Consolidated Plan November 13, 2016: Washington’s ESSA Consolidated Plan	ESSA District Resources Early Learning in ESSA
West Virginia	September 18th, 2017	West Virginia’s Consolidated State Plan	
Wisconsin	September 18th, 2017	Wisconsin Consolidated State Plan April 2017: Wisconsin Draft 1 Consolidated State Plan	
Wyoming	September 18th, 2017	Wyoming Consolidated State Plan July 2017: ESSA Public Draft	
Puerto Rico	September 18th, 2017	Puerto Rico Consolidated State Plan	

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