



The Every Student Succeeds Act and Nevada

What is the Every Student Succeeds Act?

- **What is ESSA?**
- The Every Student Succeeds Act, also known as ESSA, is the new federal education law, signed by President Barack Obama in December 2015. For 14 long years, students and educators lived under No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Act. ESSA returns decision-making to where it belongs: in the hands of local educators, parents, and communities.



NSEA and Educator Voice

- NEA and NSEA's strategic priority of lifting & amplifying educator voice (and stakeholder voice) connected to state and local ESSA implementation
- Foundational component of success in professional practice, policy and organizing efforts – “if you're going to talk about me, include me”
- Creates space for *educators* to lead the way, to own the profession
- Builds opportunities for affiliates to work collectively and collaboratively



NSEA and Educator Voice and Our “Why.”



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How will we accomplish this?



Build your school's Opportunity Checklist

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Do students and educators at your school have everything they need? If not, this is your opportunity to speak up!

Take a look at the lists below. If your school needs to improve in a certain area, place a checkmark next to your concern. We'll follow up with relevant resources to help you take the steps needed to turn your school's needs into its newest asset.

Check off your school's top areas for improvement below:

Community

It's important that your school is open to the community it serves.

- ☐ A welcoming front office
- ☐ Active community involvement
(Parent support groups, and a community liaison, for example)
- ☐ Materials available in the languages the school serves

Healthy Students in Modern Schools

Students need their essential human needs met, and to be in a healthy learning environment that is clean and in good working order.

- ☐ Healthy meals
- ☐ School nurse
- ☐ School counselor
- ☐ A roof that is free of leaks
- ☐ Healthy indoor air quality
(Free of mold, proper ventilation, and proper temperature control)
- ☐ Clean, unbroken flooring

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Opportunities for Engagement

- Looking at engagement as a modified cycle:
 - Engaging through the Opportunity Checklist
 - Using results to identify needs for deeper dives
 - Engaging through the Opportunity Audit
 - Using identified policy or resolution templates (i.e., *Raising Your Voice*) and taking action to move them (i.e., *Advocating for Great Public Schools*)
 - Winning policy changes for the highest priority issue
 - Moving to the next priority issue identified, and repeating the cycle



What happens next?

- Checklist filled out
- Data collected
- Local presentations
- Locals have the tools to do an Opportunity Audit
- NSEA will use the data to form their Legislative Agenda



What can you do?

- Help us engage your community to improve public schools.
- Share the information that educator and parental voice is important to provide the kind of education every child deserves.
- Engage NSEA and their locals to help support public education



Questions? Comments?

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