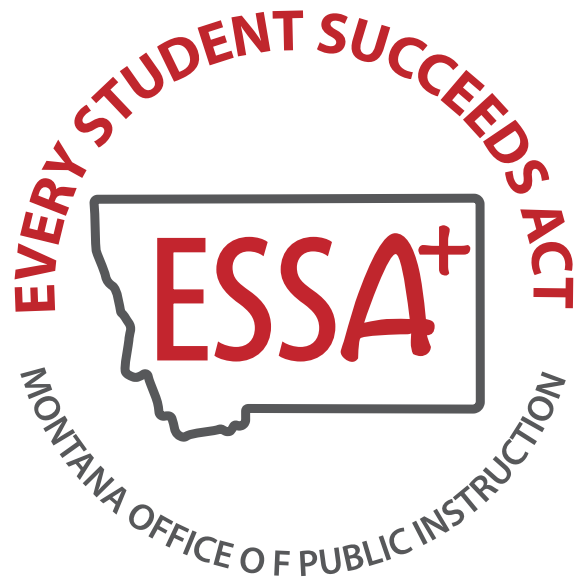


# What Is ESSA?

- **Every Student Succeeds Act**
  - \* Signed into federal law in 2015
  - \* Replaces No Child Left Behind
- **Purpose of Montana ESSA Plan**
  - \* Show how Montana is working to ensure federal standards are met
  - \* Allow more flexibility
  - \* Allow more local control
  - \* Ensure community input



## How You Can Get Involved!

- **Office of Public Instruction website** ([www.opi.mt.gov](http://www.opi.mt.gov))
- **Webinars**
- **Statewide visits**
  - \* Schools
  - \* Colleges
  - \* Community members
  - \* Business community
  - \* Urban and rural
  - \* Focus groups
- **Work sessions**
- **Presentations to legislators**
- **Presentations to tribal leaders**

## Major Sections of ESSA in Progress

- **New school expenditure reporting requirements**
- **Long-term goals for academic achievement**
- **College and Career Readiness**
- **Revising the Continuous School Improvement Plan**
- **Targeted and comprehensive school support identification and improvement**
- **Designating an Ombudsman/Liaison to the Office of Public Instruction to monitor and enforce ESSA equitable services as required by law for the Federal programs for private, non-public schools.**

<i>During 2016</i>	Four stakeholder meetings
<i>December 28, 2016</i>	Plan submitted under previous administration
<i>February 14, 2017</i>	Montana received feedback on the Montana ESSA plan submitted in December
<i>March 13, 2017</i>	The New ESSA template and requirements are released by the federal government
<i>May 2017</i>	Office of Public Instruction staff work sessions, state-wide visits to discuss ESSA
<i>June 2017</i>	Webinars and focus groups begin on sections of the plan being built upon and revised
<i>July 12, 2017</i>	Draft to the public
<i>August 11, 2017</i>	Draft to the Governor
<i>September 14, 2017</i>	Submit to the Department of Education for Peer Review

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