



# **EVERY STUDENT SUCCEEDS ACT (ESSA)**

*a reauthorization of the Elementary and  
Secondary Education Act (ESEA)*

*Student and Family Forum*



# Illinois Highlights: Every Student Succeeds Act

**New law supports many of the State's existing efforts to serve all students, especially our most vulnerable.**

- More State authority on:
  - Standards,
  - Assessments, and
  - Interventions
- Focus on demographic performance

**EFFECTIVE 2017-18 school year**



# Focus on Closing the Achievement Gap

**Some traditional assessment and data elements remain augmented with new elements.**

- SAT will be taken by all public high school juniors allowing for college entrance scores
- PARCC provides middle schools the option to assess advanced students in mathematics with the content best aligned to their current coursework (e.g., Algebra I when a student is in middle school)
- Using robust data to ensure gaps are closing between all demographic groups.



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- ***What does it mean for each and every child to have access to a well-rounded education?***



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- ***How might schools, in partnership with their communities, “improve...conditions for student learning?”***



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- ***How might schools go about using technology in ways to improve academic achievement and digital literacy?***



## Focus on College and Career

**ESSA allows for student success/school quality indicator(s) within the accountability system and ISBE wants to use this opportunity to demonstrate that students are college and career ready.**

- **GPA 2.8 out of 4.0**
- **Readiness college entrance score on the SAT**
- **AND** two or more academic benchmarks or industry credential
- **AND** two or more behavioral and experiential benchmarks

*How might we structure a system to show that students are college and career ready?*





# Focus on College and Career

## Academic Benchmarks Or Industry Credential:

- Industry Credential
- Dual Credit Career Pathway Course
- Advanced Placement Exam (3+)
- Advanced Placement Course (A, B or C)
- Dual Credit College English and/or Math (A, B or C)
- College Developmental/Remedial English and/or Math (A, B or C)
- Algebra II (A, B or C)
- International Baccalaureate Exam (4+)

## Behavioral And Experiential Benchmarks:

- 90% Attendance
- 25 hours of Community Service (or military service)
- Workplace Learning Experience
- Two or more organized Co-Curricular Activities (including language and fine arts)



# Focus on Family Engagement

**ESSA supports welcoming and supportive environments, enhanced communication with parents, and includes parents in decision-making.**

- ESSA promotes academic, physical, social, emotional, behavioral development and a positive school climate;
  - Engage and re-engage learners; and
  - Address barriers to learning.
- ***How might schools go about partnering with parents and other within the community, region, and state to achieve these goals?***