Opportunities in ESSA that Support Digital Learning

The purpose of this tool is to focus attention on the opportunities in ESSA that support digital learning and to discuss possibilities in the state and/or district.

Read the Alliance fact sheet on ESSA and digital learning (http://all4ed.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/04/FINAL_ESSA_FactSheet_DigitalLearning.pdf). For each of the opportunities for digital learning identified in ESSA, discuss how your district might benefit. Reflect on which areas the district may be engaged in currently and how ESSA might be used to help expand opportunities. In the chart, Review ESSA Opportunities, note any instances where your district has policies, procedures, and practices in place related to the area of opportunity.

Opportunities in ESSA

Funding for Digital Learning

- Providing professional development on the effective use of technology.
- Providing digital learning experiences to students in underserved areas.
- Providing resources to personalize learning.
- Carrying out blended learning projects.
- Building technological capacity and infrastructure.

Supporting Effective Instruction and Assessments

- Supporting training and professional development for teachers, principals, and other school leaders on how to integrate technology effectively into curriculum and instruction.
- Supporting professional development to improve classroom instruction specifically for English language learners, including support for programs that are effective in increasing student academic achievement and instruction for English language learners.
- Evaluating student academic achievement through the development of comprehensive assessment instruments, such as performance- and technology-based assessments and computer-adaptive assessments.

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Review ESSA Support

ESSA Strategies	Current Policies	Current Procedures	Current Practices	Additional Recommendations/ Strategies
Provide professional development on the effective use of technology				
Provide resources for personalized learning				
Carry out blended learning projects				
Build technological capacity and infrastructure				
Provide resources to students in underserved areas to take advantage of digital learning experiences				
Evaluate student academic achievement through the development of comprehensive assessment instruments				