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What Item in ESSA is Giving States the Most Trouble?

The [Every Student Succeeds Act \(ESSA\)](#) reflects a clear intent to advance equity. Given this, it is critical to analyze how states are exercising their increased discretion to advance educational opportunities and outcomes for historically underserved students.

In analyzing state ESSA plans, the Alliance for Excellent Education (All4Ed) identified some noteworthy trends across states, including one particularly concerning pattern.

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Keeping Students from Being Duped by Fake News

In the past, when students gathered information for a report or term paper they usually read an entry in an encyclopedia or visited a few well-regarded webpages to get what they needed. But that no longer is sufficient. Students now must be acute critical thinkers, able to judge the quality of websites they visit and the information they collect.

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The Every Student Succeeds Act

To keep you up to date on the latest happenings with the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) and its implementation, the Alliance for Excellent Education has created a series of bite-sized materials – both print and video – that provide concise but comprehensive analyses of several key areas within ESSA.

Here are some recent additions to our ESSA website:

One minute video summaries of the ESSA plans for these states:

- Delaware
- District of Columbia
- Massachusetts
- New Jersey
- Tennessee



New one-page "dashboards" summarizing the pros and cons in the ESSA plans for these states:

- [California](#)
- [Missouri](#)
- [South Carolina](#)
- [Virginia](#)


Access these and other ESSA materials

Digital Learning Day 2018 Is Next Month!



Digital Learning Day (DLDay) 2018 is just over a month away on February 22. This year, our goal is to highlight even more examples of how great teaching paired with technology can improve student outcomes. Help us get there with these two easy steps:

1. Add your #DLDay 2018 event to the [official DLDay map](#).
2. Send the tweet below tagging [@OfficialDLDay](#) to have your celebration highlighted on Twitter.

 [Click to Tweet](#): We're on the @OfficialDLDay map for Digital Learning Day 2018! Are you? Add your event next to ours: [digitallearningday.org/register-your-event/](#) #DLDay

Check out the #DLDay hashtag on Twitter to see events like yours, meet fellow educators participating in DLDay, and build your professional learning network.

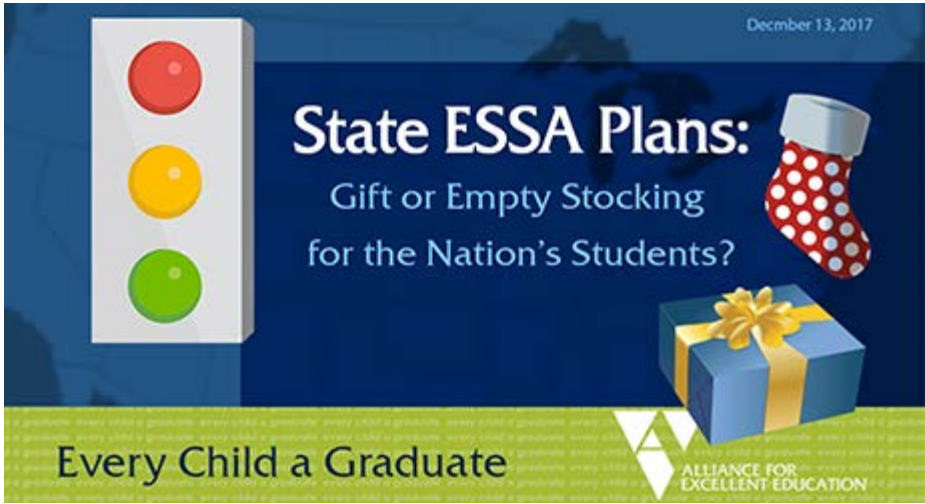
In Case You Missed It



Making the Grade: Debating School Performance Ratings

Ratings-proponent Michael Petrilli, president of the Thomas B. Fordham Institute, and ratings-skeptic Phillip Lovell, vice president of policy development and government relations at the Alliance for Excellent Education, went head-to-head on the merits and downfalls of summative ratings.

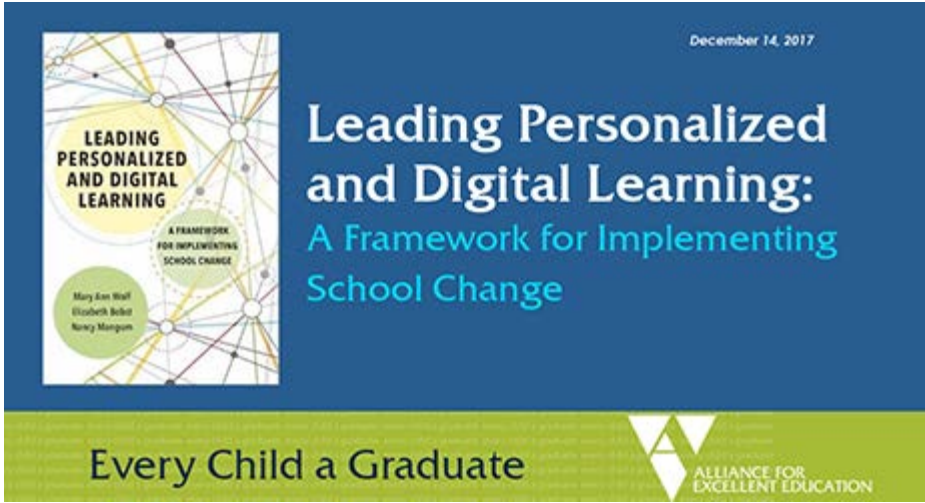
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State ESSA Plans: Gift or Empty Stocking for Nation's Students?

This webinar explores trends in state plans to implement ESSA. Which state policies are innovative? What policies are concerning? How are the U.S. Congress and ED responding to state plans?

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Leading Personalized and Digital Learning: A Framework for Implementing School Change

This Future Ready Schools® webinar highlighted how personalized learning can help school principals empower students, build a culture of trust, personalize professional learning, and employ change management and distributed leadership.

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Future Ready Librarians: Cultivating Community Partnerships

This Future Ready Librarians webinar examines how teacher librarians can cultivate partnerships within the school and local community (families and caregivers, nonprofit organizations, government agencies, public and higher education libraries, businesses, etc.) to promote engagement and a lifelong learning process.

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All4Ed records all of its webinars and makes the video available "on demand"

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Alliance in the News

Innovation Under ESSA

Although states have more flexibility around how students are evaluated under ESSA, "We're not quite seeing the bold jump to innovation that we would like to see," explained All4Ed's Chip Slaven in the *Hechinger Report*.

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Transparency Around School Performance Helps Parental Engagement

All4Ed's Phillip Lovell explains that under ESSA, public reporting is going to be very important. In the *Los Angeles Sentinel*, Lovell says that "state systems, like what goes into [calculating] letter grades for schools, are incredibly complex" States are aware of and working on how to communicate information on school performance clearly."

[Learn More](#)

Raising South Carolina's Graduation Rate

The Post and Courier explores All4Ed data on how raising South Carolina's high school graduation rate, now at a peak of 84.6 percent, to 90 percent would be a "big boon" for the state's economy. Check out the article to see the Graduation Effect for South Carolina.

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Using Educational Success Stories to Change the Narrative

All4Ed's Tom Murry is featured in a *Huffington Post* blog by Dr. Rod Berger, president and CEO of MindRocket Media Group, on how to change the narrative on education using success stories. "We have

to show the leaders and politicians that this is what learning looks like today," explains Murray. "Look at our kids and what they're creating and designing."

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Last week, over 150 individuals protected under DACA traveled from 20 different states to Washington, DC to visit members of Congress and urge them to pass a Dream Act. Watch this video by FWD.us on the importance of protecting Dreamers.

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