



Arkansas PTA Supports CCRI & ESSA

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5 Pillars of Successful Implementation of College and Career Ready Standards:

1. Alignment of standards, curriculum and assessments.
2. Adequate professional development for teachers and principals.
3. Sufficient resources and support for each child to meet high standards.
4. Ongoing communication about the importance of standards and accountability.
5. Balanced and comprehensive accountability systems.

"The real impact of ESSA on children and schools depends on effective implementation of the law, which must include parents from the beginning," said Nathan R. Monell, CAE, National PTA executive director. "It is essential that meaningful stakeholder engagement occurs as intended and that parents and families are active in state and local implementation of ESSA to make the promise of the law a reality."

With the enactment of the new Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), the focus of our advocacy now turns to effective implementation of the law to ensure every child has the ability to reach their full potential. While this new law provides a great opportunity for states to tailor their education systems to meet the needs of their students—including students with disabilities—this new level of authority will also require an increased amount of responsibility for states to ensure they close achievement gaps.

As a parent, you have an important role to play in ESSA implementation. The goal of this Roadmap is to empower you to:

1. Actively participate in the development of any family engagement activities in your child's school
2. Educate other parents about ESSA and family engagement
3. Ensure schools are including parents in the decision making process

Arkansas PTA is currently traveling the state to educate parents and communities about Family Engagement and the new law. Training sessions are being scheduled and will be held across the state during 2017. Topics to be covered are: Overview of ESSA, Standards & Assessments, Data: Assessments & Privacy and Advocacy in education.