



# Supporting Postsecondary Success Under ESSA

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# Objectives for Today

- Overview of OSSE's current support for college and career readiness and postsecondary education
- Discussion: Mapping opportunities and gaps for college and career readiness under ESSA



# Approach to College and Career Readiness

Preparation for postsecondary education and career pathways is multifaceted – three ways we can think about “college and career readiness”

## Academic Readiness

Access and preparation for high-quality instruction and college-ready coursework

## College & Career Exposure

Understanding of postsecondary pathways and support to access postsecondary education

## Access to Financial Aid

Access to financial resources that make postsecondary education possible

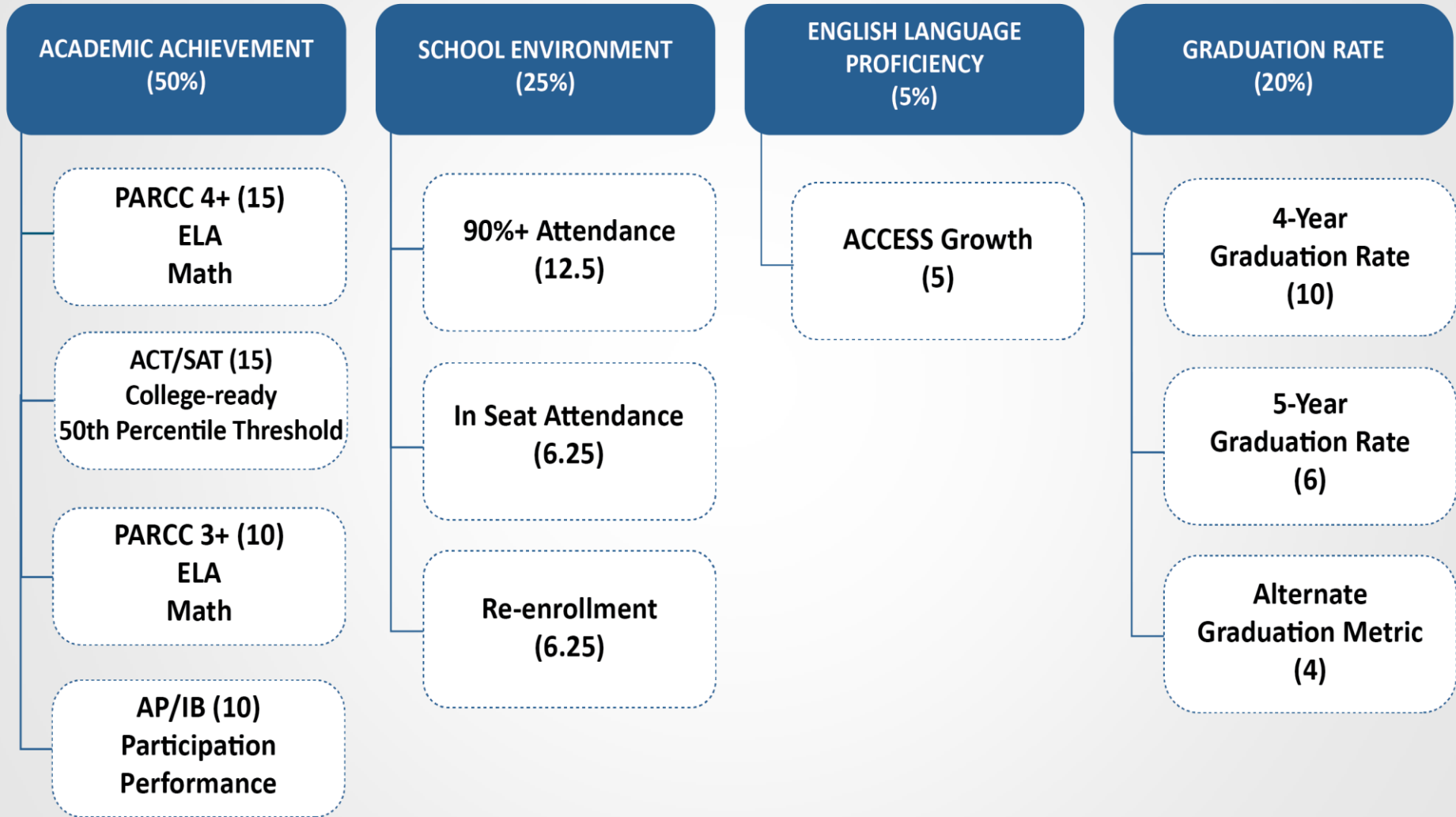


# College and Career Readiness in ESSA

- **College readiness-related measures included in DC's proposed high school accountability framework:**
  - SAT/ACT performance
  - Advanced Placement/International Baccalaureate access and performance
  - Graduation rate metrics
- **Funding support for college-level coursework:**
  - Title IV-A and Title II funding may be spent on AP/IB expenses for low-income youth and teacher training and preparation
- **Support for well-rounded education:**
  - Ultimate goal is success for all students after high school graduation



# ESSA Accountability High School Framework





# Academic Readiness

## Support in OSSE Division of Postsecondary & Career Education:

- High School Bridge Data Project: Supporting LEAs cross-sector in the middle to high school transition
- Funding for Rigorous Coursework: Dual enrollment, AP, and IB options
- Funding for SAT School Day: Twice per year for all juniors and seniors
- SAT Preparation Grant: Supports SAT prep courses in 22 high schools, serving 3,000+ students in 2016-17
- College Readiness & Access Reporting: Statewide quantitative information about college preparation, enrollment, and completion
- Career Academies & Career and Technical Education: Pathways to high-wage, high-demand careers in 14 high schools across DC





# College & Career Exposure



- High School Ready Initiative: Funding for schools and CBOs to provide a smooth middle to high school transition for students
- College Application & Exploration Month: Volunteers and information to assist seniors in completing college applications during October
- My College Fact Finder: Online college search tool that compares university-specific outcomes for DC students with national averages
- DC College Signing Day: Citywide event celebrating seniors as they make their college choice each spring
- OSSE Scholars: Summer program for academically strong sophomores and juniors to attend 13 partner universities over the summer
- Summer Transitions Workshops: Guidance for students entering college on what to expect during their freshman year



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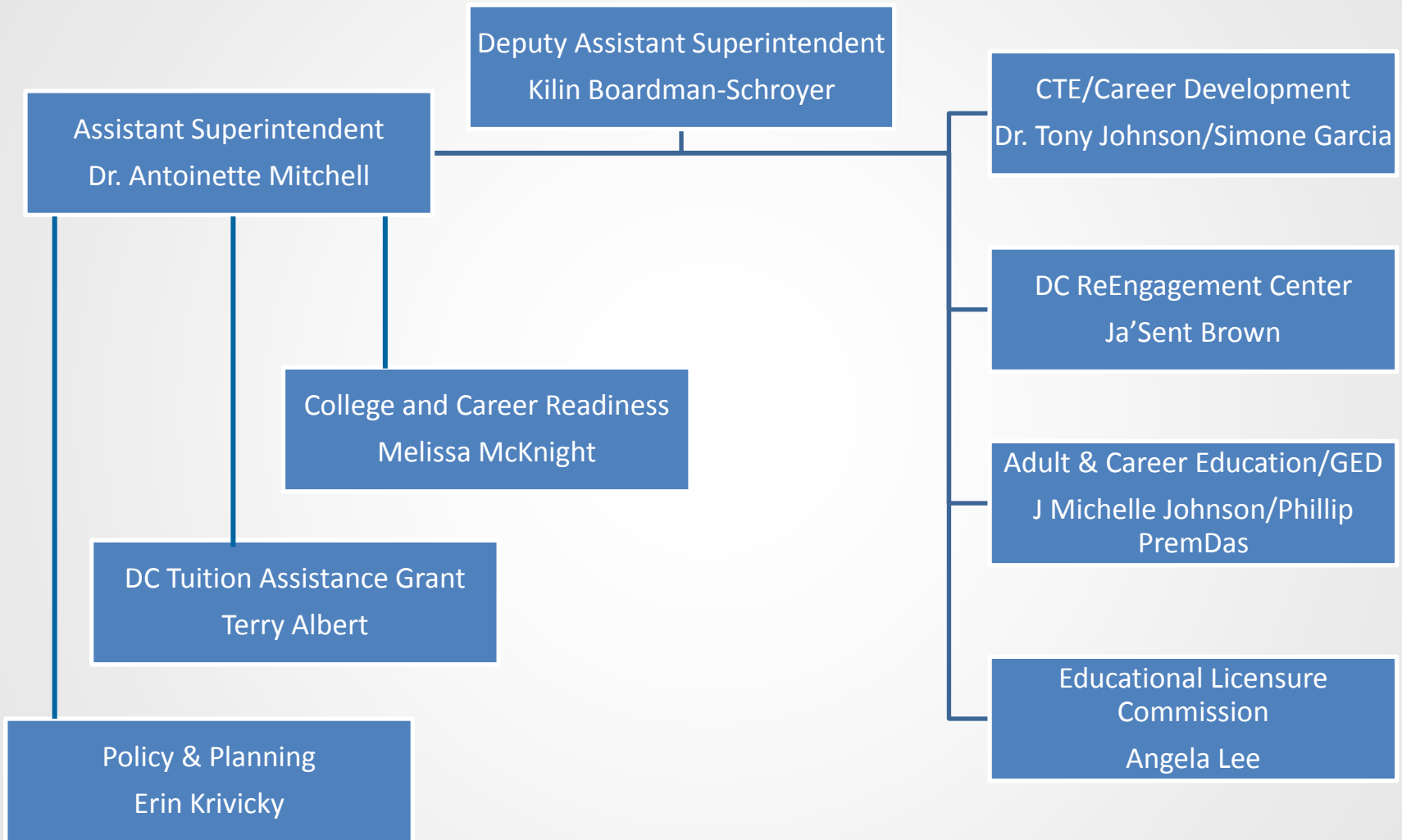


- Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) Portal: Enables school and LEA staff to view updated information about student FAFSA and DCTAG completion to better target student services
- DC Tuition Assistance Grant (DCTAG): Grant that helps to close the in-state/out-of-state tuition gap for DC students
- Mayor's Scholars Undergraduate Program: Grant for Pell Grant-eligible DC students at area universities





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# Discussion



**How does your school or LEA support college and career readiness for students?**



**How can OSSE better support your school or LEA as you prepare students for postsecondary education?**



Q&A



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