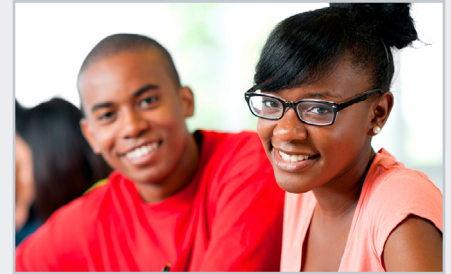




District of Columbia
Office of the State Superintendent of Education



WELL-ROUNDED AND SUPPORTIVE EDUCATION FROM PRE-K THROUGH POSTSECONDARY

Additional Information on DC's Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) Draft State Plan

In December 2015, President Obama signed the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), the latest version of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965. The law requires DC to set a new state education plan, with input from educators, parents, and the community. Below are highlights of strategies the Office of the State Superintendent of Education (OSSE) is proposing in DC's draft plan to improve education for all DC students.

OSSE's Division of Early Learning helps students enter kindergarten prepared to learn:

- Sets targets for kindergarten readiness in physical, language and cognitive, social, emotional, and communication areas for children.
- Provides professional development, resources, training, and observations tools to help child care centers and school-based pre-K programs improve.

OSSE's Health and Wellness Division helps students beyond the classroom:

- Provides annual assessments on health knowledge for students and school-based resources under the DC Healthy Schools Act (2010).
- Sets nutrition standards and supports school gardens in approximately half of public schools.
- Builds positive school climate through a pilot school climate program in coordination with the National Institutes of Justice and 30 middle and high schools.

OSSE's Postsecondary and Career Education Division helps students succeed beyond high school:

- Supports career education and training and career academies in 14 high schools.
- Provides programs across the high school-to-college transition, including preparation for the SAT, early exposure to college coursework, financial aid guidance and assistance
- Provides funding for college education through the DC Tuition Assistance Grant (DCTAG) and Mayor's Scholars Scholarship Program.

To read the draft DC State Education Plan and find more information on the development of the plan during the last year, visit OSSE's ESSA webpage at [OSSE.dc.gov/essa](https://osse.dc.gov/essa). Public comment may be submitted by emailing OSSE.ESSA@dc.gov or completing the survey available on [OSSE.dc.gov/essa](https://osse.dc.gov/essa) by March 3, 2017.