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2415 EVERY STUDENT SUCCEEDS ACT ~~NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND~~ PROGRAMS

The ~~No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB) of 2001~~ **Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA)** is a reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA)/~~Improving America's Schools Act (IASA) 1994, of 1965 that provides~~ providing **Federal** funds to help all New Jersey's school children achieve, ~~at a minimum, proficiency in the State standards. NCLB embodies four key principles or pillars of education reform: accountability, flexibility, choice, and methodology.~~ **The purpose of the ESSA is to ensure all students have equitable access to high-quality educational resources and opportunities and to close educational achievement gaps.** The Board of Education elects to augment the instructional program of students by projects supported by Federal funds allocated under **the ESSA NCLB** and the district will comply with the requirements of all the programs authorized by **the ESSA NCLB**.

The district may be eligible for several grant programs funded through **the ESSA NCLB**, including, but not limited to, Title I through Title VII. Many of the Titles of **the ESSA NCLB** have several parts and subparts that provide a funding source for specific purposes.

Application Procedure

The district will submit an annual **ESSA** ~~No Child Left Behind~~ Consolidated Formula Subgrant Application to the New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE). The school district's application shall include all information required by the NJDOE and **the ESSA NCLB** for the district to be considered for funding under **the ESSA NCLB**.

Covered Programs

Formula grants under the ESSA are non-competitive grants that school districts are eligible for based on the make-up of their student bodies. These formula grants for each Title are committed to different purposes and may be used to support different activities and programs.



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The intent of NCLB is that all children will meet State academic achievement standards to reach their potential through improved programs. The NCLB Consolidated Formula Subgrant includes the following programs:

1. Title I, Part A provides the programs and resources for disadvantaged students to meet this intent. It requires the State and the district to close the achievement gap by placing a highly qualified teacher in every classroom, improving the qualifications of paraprofessionals who work with disadvantaged students, and using instructional practices that have proven to be effective.
2. Title I, Part D serves neglected and delinquent youth in institutions, community day programs, and correctional facilities to assure they also attain high academic levels of performance.
3. Title II, Part A provides the resources for improving teacher and Principal quality and increasing the number of highly qualified teachers and Principals in classrooms and schools, thereby raising student achievement in the academic subjects. It focuses on preparing, training, and recruiting high quality teachers and Principals and requires the State to develop plans with annual measurable objectives that will ensure all teachers teaching in core academic subjects are highly qualified by the end of the 2005-2006 school year.
4. Title II, Part D facilitates comprehensive and integrated educational technology strategies that target the specific needs of individual schools. It improves student academic achievement through the use of technology in elementary and secondary schools, while addressing the digital divide such that every student is technologically literate by the end of eighth grade. Effective integration of technology resources and systems with teacher training and curriculum development are encouraged in order to identify and showcase best practices in educational technology.
5. Title III, Part A focuses on the teaching of English to limited English proficient (LEP) children, including immigrant children and youth.



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6. ~~Title IV, Part A provides resources for fostering a safe and drug-free learning environment that supports academic achievement.~~
7. ~~Title V, Part A provides a flexible source of funding to help districts in the development and implementation of various innovative reform initiatives.~~
8. ~~Title VI, Part B addresses the unique needs of rural school districts.~~
9. ~~Title IX covers the general provisions applicable to some/all of the programs.~~

~~Throughout NCLB, the use of solid research to improve teaching and learning as well as student behavior is required and promoted, and parent(s)/legal guardian(s) are provided with information and options to improve the educational opportunities provided for their children. The emphasis on scientifically based methodology encourages the use of teaching techniques and practices that are founded on research and proven to produce positive results.~~

Title I

The largest Federal program supporting elementary and secondary education is Title I. **The ESSA NCLB** strengthens Title I requirements for the State's assessments, accountability system, and support for school improvement. The law also ~~establishes~~ **requires** minimum qualifications for teachers and paraprofessionals in Title I programs.

The school district must use the best available measure for identifying children from low-income families to: identify eligible school attendance areas, determine the ranking of each area, and determine allocations as identified in the Title I guidelines and regulations.

The school district will offer Title I services to eligible children enrolled in private elementary and secondary schools. The services and benefits will be equitable in comparison to services and benefits for participating public school children.



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The school district will provide the New Jersey Department of Education assurances it will provide the maximum coordination between the Title I program, the regular school program, and services provided by other programs for specialized populations. The Title I program will consider the special needs of homeless children, migrant children, children with disabilities and limited English proficient (LEP) children. Title I funds will be reserved so that migrant children who are otherwise eligible to receive Title I services, even if they arrive during the school year, are served.

Type of Title I Program

The school district will offer a _____ **(School-wide or Target Assistance or Public School Choice)** Title I program.

☒ School-wide Program

High-poverty schools (~~a school with at least those with 40% poverty or any school below 40% poverty with a waiver issued by the New Jersey Department of Education~~ ~~more students from low-income families~~) are eligible to adopt school-wide programs to raise the achievement of low-achieving students by improving instruction throughout the entire school, thus using Title I funds to serve all children **in the school**. A school-wide program must be established in accordance with the Title I guidelines and regulations and the New Jersey Department of Education.

___ Target Assistance Program

Schools that are not eligible for (or do not choose to operate) school-wide Title I programs must use Title I funds to provide targeted services to low-achieving students. A Target Assistance program must be established in accordance with the Title I guidelines and regulations and the New Jersey Department of Education.]

~~Academic Standards, Academic Assessments, and Accountability~~ **New Jersey Department of Education Accountability System**



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The district will comply with the **accountability system requirements established by the New Jersey Department of Education and outlined in the New Jersey State Plan and approved by the United States Department of Education as outlined in Policy 2415.01 – Academic Standards, Academic Assessments, and Accountability in accordance with the NJDOE and NCLB.**

Fiscal Responsibility

The district will comply with the requirements as outlined in Policy 2415.02 Title I – Fiscal Responsibilities in accordance with the NJDOE and **the ESSA NCLB.**

Staff

The district will comply with the **staff certification requirements of the ESSA and the NJDOE requirements as outlined in Policy 2415.03 – Highly Qualified Teachers in accordance with the NJDOE and NCLB.** In addition, the district will ensure all paraprofessionals meet the requirements as **established required by the ESSA NCLB** and as outlined in Policy 4125 – Employment of Support Staff Members.

Parental Involvement

The district will comply with the requirements as outlined in Policy 2415.04 – Parental Involvement in accordance with the NJDOE and **the ESSA NCLB.**

Student Surveys, Analysis, and/or Evaluations

The Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment (PPRA) applies to school districts that receive Federal funding from the United States Department of Education. The district will comply with the requirements as outlined in Policy 2415.05 - Student Surveys, Analysis, and/or Evaluations in accordance with the PPRA.

Unsafe School Choice Option

In the event there is a school in the district designated as Persistently Dangerous in accordance with the Victims of Violent Criminal Offenses as outlined in **the ESSA NCLB**, the district will comply with the requirements of Policy 2415.06 – Unsafe School Choice Option in accordance with the NJDOE and **the ESSA NCLB.**



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Property

Property acquired through Title I funds for use in public or private schools will be acquired in accordance with the Public School Contracts Law, will be held in title by the Board of Education, and will not be used for other purposes so long as it is required in the Title I program. Property no longer required for Title I purposes will be used for other, similarly funded projects or disposed of in accordance with State and Federal guidelines.

Capital Expenses

The Superintendent will assure the district abides by New Jersey's Public Contracts Law; consults appropriate private school officials prior to making any decisions regarding capital expenses; ensure funds that are received to cover capital expenses provide equitable Title I services to private school students; ensure accounts for any capital funding is separately maintained; and assure lease purchase agreements are consistent with applicable statute and administrative code.

Post-Award Requirements

The school district will maintain all project records for five years following the completion of the activity for which the funds were used. The school district will prepare and submit all reports as required by the State Department of Education in a timely manner.

Supplement, Not Supplant

Grant funds provided under Federal programs, including **the ESEA of 1965 as amended by the ESSA** ~~No Child Left Behind funding~~, shall supplement, not supplant **the funds that would, in the absence of such other non-Federal funds, be made that are available to provide programs and services to eligible from State and local sources for the education of students, participating in unless otherwise provided in the grant programs assisted under the ESEA of 1965 as amended by the ESSA.**



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~~State Waiver from Certain Provisions of No Child Left Behind (NCLB)~~

~~The State of New Jersey may receive a waiver(s) from certain provisions of NCLB from the United States Department of Education. A waiver(s) may affect the applicability of the school district's NCLB policies and/or regulations. In the event a waiver(s) affects the applicability of Board of Education NCLB policies and/or regulations, the waiver provisions shall supersede current Board policies and/or regulations and the school district shall comply with the requirements as outlined by the New Jersey Department of Education in accordance with the waiver(s) application and approval(s) from the United States Department of Education.~~

Evaluation

The Superintendent or designee will evaluate the **ESSA NCLB** programs as required by the United States and the New Jersey Departments of Education.

~~No Child Left Behind Act of 2001~~

Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 2701 et seq.) as amended by the Every Student Succeeds Act.

Adopted:



