



## WHAT'S NEW IN ESSA?

### QUICK FACTS: DROPOUT PREVENTION

#### **EXPANDED MENTAL HEALTH AND COUNSELING**

ESSA provides funding for school-based mental health services providers, including state-certified counselors, psychologists, and social workers.

#### **KEEPING STUDENTS IN SCHOOL**

ESSA encourages districts to implement programs that discourage discipline that keeps kids out of the classroom, such as suspension and expulsion. Keeping students in school keeps them engaged, and reduces the likelihood of students dropping out.

#### **TEACHER LIBRARIANS**

Funds are available for districts to tap into to improve access to teacher librarians, who provide crucial services to underserved students. Creating a lifelong love of learning and building critical thinking skills keeps kids engaged in education and graduation.

#### **PARENT AND FAMILY ENGAGEMENT**

Parent and Family Engagement is woven throughout ESSA, and for good reason. Students whose parents and families are engaged in the education process are more likely to take challenging classes, have higher grades, graduate, and continue on to postsecondary education. ESSA requires that districts that receive funding employ research-based family and community collaboration strategies.



For more information on the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), visit:  
<http://bit.ly/ESSA-WA>