

Arkansas Vision for Excellence in Education and Arkansas Accountability System (ESSA)

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Vision

The Arkansas Department of Education is transforming Arkansas to lead the nation in student-focused education.

Webpage

- [http://
www.arkansased.gov/about-ade/vision-
for-excellence-in-
education](http://www.arkansased.gov/about-ade/vision-for-excellence-in-education)



Vision for Excellence in Education			ESSA
Student-focused Systems			Individualized
Quality Learning Standards	Excellent Teachers and Leaders - excellence in teaching and learning	Flexible, comprehensive Assessment Systems	Standards Teacher and Leader Quality Assessment
Flexible, Comprehensive State Accountability System <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Performance • Student Growth • Personal Competencies • Graduation rate • 1st Year Postsecondary Engagement 			Additional Indicators (items that lead to a grade or identification) Identification of Schools School Improvement

ESSA Timeline

- **December 10, 2015**
 - ESSA Signed into law
- **April - July 2016**
 - Development of ADE Vision for Excellence in Education
 - Stakeholder Review of Vision
- **July - December 2016**
 - Stage 1: Stakeholder Engagement & Feedback
 - Steering Committee Meetings
- **January - April 2017**
 - Stage 2: Stakeholder Engagement & Feedback
 - Steering Committee Meetings
- **April 20 - May 20**
 - Written Draft Posted for Public Comment
- **May 2017**
 - Review by the Steering Committee
 - Review by the Committee of Practitioners
- **June 2017**
 - Review by the Governor
- **July 5, 2017**
 - Submission Deadline to USDOE
- **July 2017-Ongoing**
 - Continued Communication with Stakeholders

Involvement

- Steering Committee Meetings
- Advocates for Students Committees
- Ambassadors
- Stakeholders

Feedback

- Attend/view Steering Committee Meetings
- Participate in Community Listening Forums
- Visit the ADE website and Join the listserv

- What are the most important characteristics of your school?
- What are the best measures of success/quality of your school?
- How do we make sure every student in Arkansas has opportunity for success?

Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA)

- [http://
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accountability/every-
student-succeeds-
act-essa](http://www.arkansased.gov/divisions/public-school-accountability/every-student-succeeds-act-essa)



Public Comment

Comments, questions, concerns and celebrations regarding ESSA may be submitted to ade.essacomment@arkansas.gov

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- What have we learned from NCLB and ESEA Flexibility? – worked/didn't work
- How do multiple measures fit into the accountability system?
- How do we ensure the accountability system is flexible and demonstrates progress?