

8 Ways to Succeed with ESSA Using Digital Curriculum

The Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) endeavors to ensure that students receive a quality education and that districts work to close student achievement gaps.

REQUIREMENTS UNDER ESSA

HOW DIGITAL CURRICULUM CAN HELP

ESSA, coupled with the National Education Technology Plan, **promotes personalized and project-based learning.**



Accelerate and deepen learning for all students with effective digital curriculum that enables teachers to **personalize learning for all students.**

ESSA requires statewide accountability standards that must include indicators of competency in ELA, math, and science; for English language proficiency; high school graduation rates; and other indicators.



An effective digital curriculum with supports and scaffolds **addresses the needs of a diverse group of students**, especially struggling students who are below proficient readers, ELL students, or have learning gaps.

ESSA shifts oversight away from the federal government and onto the states, and **requires that statewide assessments are aligned to state standards.**



Effective digital curriculum is designed for the standards, not simply aligned afterward. Assessments and reports should show progress and proficiency by standard.

Districts must **facilitate effective transitions** for students from middle school to high school, and from high school to postsecondary education.



Ensure every student is *really ready* for their future with effective digital curriculum that **focuses on content mastery, not just memorization.**

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To ensure **college and career readiness**, ESSA requires states to adopt challenging academic content standards aligned with entrance requirements for credit-bearing coursework in that state's higher education system.



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ESSA requires more use of data for reporting and accountability, including public reporting and an annual state report card.



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Schools with **graduation rates below 67%** and **one or more subgroups of under-performing students** must be identified. Schools must provide an evidence-based plan for helping students who are falling behind.



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ESSA calls for more use of technology to personalize learning. In addition, ESSA creates a new block grant that can fund at least one activity **expanding the use of technology**.



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HOW DIGITAL CURRICULUM CAN HELP

Digital curriculum that sets high expectations and incorporates **active learning rather than a passive lecture-style approach**, builds long-term learning skills including growth mindset, self-directed learning, critical thinking, and more.

Effective digital curriculum offers **robust data and reporting, for deeper insight** into student usage, progress, and proficiency across class, school, district, and student levels.

The data and reporting built into a quality digital curriculum should **identify students falling behind so steps can be taken to get students back on track**.

Technology, combined with effective digital curriculum and support, can **personalize the learning experience** and ensure increased student achievement for students.

Meet ESSA requirements with a proven digital curriculum

Apex Learning digital curriculum is proven to unlock success for struggling students and increase grade level mastery, raise exam scores, increase graduation rates, and expand educational opportunities.

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