



SUPPORTING SCHOOLS AND STUDENTS TO ACHIEVE

Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) Update

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Is anybody thinking about hiring?

Highly Qualified Teachers Requirement Update:

- July 1, 2016, Highly Qualified Teacher – Federal Requirements end.
- ESSA amends the Individuals With Disabilities Education Act provision and Special education teachers must have a bachelor's degree and either be certified in special education or hold a special education license. This cannot be waived.
- Idaho continues to support hiring teachers that demonstrate content mastery and will review the state's current certification requirements during the 2016-2017 SY. In moving to one system, changes may be made to ensure that all teachers demonstrate content mastery. We will keep you updated.
- Contact Karen Seay, Teresa Burgess, Lisa Colon, Charlie Silva, Cina Lackey.



Is anybody testing now?

95% Participation Requirement Update:

- State is required to test at least 95% of students on the Idaho Standards Achievement Test.
- Parent's right to make decisions about the education of their children cannot be superseded by the 95% participation rate requirement.
- As a state, Idaho met the 95% participation rate for the 2014-15 test. Approximately 30 LEAs did not meet the 95% participation rate. Rates ranged from 94.99% to 40%.



Is anybody testing now? *(continued)*

95% Participation Requirement Update:

- State is required to notify any LEAs that did not meet the 95% participation rate and...
 - If participation rate was 90-94.99%, department provided resources and support.
 - If participation rate was below 90%, department provided resources and support and required a Participation Outreach Plan. Plan addressed support and information before, during, and after the testing provided by the LEA level
- State is required to monitor participation rates of LEAs during this testing window.
- Superintendent is committed to working with AOC to make participation "extra credit" and show our support for being proactive, not reactive...state-wide.
- Contact Karen Seay, Cheryl Finley.



Wondering what's going on with ESSA?

Update on the transition from NCLB to ESSA:

- Accountability System “paused” until 2017-2018.
- HQT requirements eliminated June 2016.
- New ESSA Consolidated State Plan written and submitted February 2017.
- ESSA will be implemented for the 2017-18 School Year.
- Contact Karen Seay, Christina Nava.



Questions?

Build FAQ's that are posted and communicated through the weekly letter and superintendent's webinar.

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