


# What Does ESSA Provide Funding For?

**ESSA is organized into eight “Titles,” each containing a set of requirements that states and districts must follow in order to receive the funding that is allocated to each.**

The majority of ESSA funding is given from the U.S. Department of Education to states, and the total amount given is determined by Congress each year in the federal budget. *Learn more about this process and what funding is available for your school by speaking with your district or charter administrators.*

 Keep in mind that funding is not the only resource you need to succeed! People, time, and strategic decisions can help support changes at your school on a tight budget.

## **Title I of ESSA**

The first major chapter of the law, which includes the bulk of funding for school districts and schools and which contains the majority of the law’s accountability and reporting requirements. Title I funding is targeted **to serve low-income students.**

## **Title II of ESSA**

This chapter is focused on teacher quality and **support for teachers.**

## **Title III of ESSA**

This chapter provides funding and requirements **related to English learners.**

## **Title IV of ESSA**

This chapter provides funding and requirements for other areas of **student support**, including extended learning, afterschool programs, supportive school climate, well-rounded education, charter schools, and magnet schools.

## **Title V of ESSA**

This chapter provides additional requirements and limitations of the U.S. Secretary of Education, funding for **rural schools**, and rules governing the combining of federal funding.

## **Title VI of ESSA**


This chapter provides funding and requirements **related to American Indian, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian students.**

## **Title VII of ESSA**

This chapter provides funding and requirements for the **Impact Aid program**, which compensates districts for lost [revenue] due to federal lands, *and includes requirements for serving youth experiencing homelessness through the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act.*

## **Title VIII of ESSA**

This chapter includes general **requirements which govern the law overall**, including which provisions may be waived by the U.S. Department of Education and restrictions on the U.S. Secretary of Education’s authority.

 Federal funding (including ESSA) only accounts for about 1/10th of your school’s budget. The rest of the funding that keeps your school doors open comes from state and local funding and funding from grants and donors.



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