

Revised State Template for the Consolidated State Plan

The Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, as
amended by the Every Student Succeeds Act



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Introduction

Section 8302 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA), as amended by the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA),¹ requires the Secretary to establish procedures and criteria under which, after consultation with the Governor, a State educational agency (SEA) may submit a consolidated State plan designed to simplify the application requirements and reduce burden for SEAs. ESEA section 8302 also requires the Secretary to establish the descriptions, information, assurances, and other material required to be included in a consolidated State plan. Even though an SEA submits only the required information in its consolidated State plan, an SEA must still meet all ESEA requirements for each included program. In its consolidated State plan, each SEA may, but is not required to, include supplemental information such as its overall vision for improving outcomes for all students and its efforts to consult with and engage stakeholders when developing its consolidated State plan.

Completing and Submitting a Consolidated State Plan

Each SEA must address all of the requirements identified below for the programs that it chooses to include in its consolidated State plan. An SEA must use this template or a format that includes the required elements and that the State has developed working with the Council of Chief State School Officers (CCSSO).

Each SEA must submit to the U.S. Department of Education (Department) its consolidated State plan by one of the following two deadlines of the SEA's choice:

- **April 3, 2017;** or
- **September 18, 2017.**

Any plan that is received after April 3, but on or before September 18, 2017, will be considered to be submitted on September 18, 2017. In order to ensure transparency consistent with ESEA section 1111(a)(5), the Department intends to post each State plan on the Department's website.

Alternative Template

If an SEA does not use this template, it must:

- 1) Include the information on the Cover Sheet;
- 2) Include a table of contents or guide that clearly indicates where the SEA has addressed each requirement in its consolidated State plan;
- 3) Indicate that the SEA worked through CCSSO in developing its own template; and
- 4) Include the required information regarding equitable access to, and participation in, the programs included in its consolidated State plan as required by section 427 of the General Education Provisions Act. See Appendix B.

Individual Program State Plan

An SEA may submit an individual program State plan that meets all applicable statutory and regulatory requirements for any program that it chooses not to include in a consolidated State plan. If an SEA intends to submit an individual program plan for any program, the SEA must submit the individual program plan by one of the dates above, in concert with its consolidated State plan, if applicable.

¹ Unless otherwise indicated, citations to the ESEA refer to the ESEA, as amended by the ESSA.

Consultation

Under ESEA section 8540, each SEA must consult in a timely and meaningful manner with the Governor, or appropriate officials from the Governor's office, including during the development and prior to submission of its consolidated State plan to the Department. A Governor shall have 30 days prior to the SEA submitting the consolidated State plan to the Secretary to sign the consolidated State plan. If the Governor has not signed the plan within 30 days of delivery by the SEA, the SEA shall submit the plan to the Department without such signature.

Assurances

In order to receive fiscal year (FY) 2017 ESEA funds on July 1, 2017, for the programs that may be included in a consolidated State plan, and consistent with ESEA section 8302, each SEA must also submit a comprehensive set of assurances to the Department at a date and time established by the Secretary. In the near future, the Department will publish an information collection request that details these assurances.

For Further Information: If you have any questions, please contact your Program Officer at OSS.[State]@ed.gov (e.g., OSS.Alabama@ed.gov).

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<p>By signing this document, I assure that: To the best of my knowledge and belief, all information and data included in this plan are true and correct. The SEA will submit a comprehensive set of assurances at a date and time established by the Secretary, including the assurances in ESEA section 8304. Consistent with ESEA section 8302(b)(3), the SEA will meet the requirements of ESEA sections 1117 and 8501 regarding the participation of private school children and teachers.</p>	
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Signature of Authorized SEA Representative 	Date: October 9, 2018
Governor (Printed Name)	Date SEA provided plan to the Governor under ESEA section 8540:
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Signature of Authorized SEA Representative (b)(6) <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 40px; width: 100%; margin-top: 5px;"></div>	Date: April 24, 2018
Governor (Printed Name) Terence R. McAuliffe	Date SEA provided plan to the Governor under ESEA section 8540: August 7, 2017
Signature of Governor	Date:



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March 21, 2018

The Honorable Betsy DeVos
Secretary
U.S. Department of Education
400 Maryland Ave, SW
Washington, D.C. 20202

Dear Secretary DeVos:

Today the Virginia Department of Education (VDOE) submits the final revision of the *Every Student Succeeds Act of 2015* (ESSA) state plan to the U.S. Department of Education (USED).

Last September, Virginia submitted a state plan that was the result of approximately eighteen months of planning and stakeholder involvement. The plan articulated Virginia's intent to use the flexibility and autonomy provided under the new law to implement rigorous, reasonable, innovative, and compliant federal accountability measures that compliment Virginia's robust state accreditation system. The plan was approved and endorsed by the Virginia Board of Education and the Governor of Virginia prior to submission.

The plan that we submit to you today reflects VDOE's careful consideration and thorough responses to multiple directives from your staff for clarification and revision. Although a number of the innovative aspects of the plan have been removed through the revision process, Virginia's final plan continues to reflect our vision for rigorous and reasonable federal accountability measures that align with our state accreditation system. I am confident that Virginia's plan is fully compliant with the statute, and I look forward to receiving your approval so that we can begin the important work of implementing the activities and initiatives outlined in the plan.

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Acting Superintendent of Public Instruction

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