

# NOTES ON ARKANSAS' EVERY STUDENT SUCCEEDS ACT (ESSA) PLAN



## ESSA

- Replaces No Child Left Behind Act
- Gives states flexibility and freedom to create an educational system that ensures success for students and schools
- Requires states to produce a plan that describes how ESSA will be implemented

- Arkansas' plan approved by the U. S. Department of Education on January 16, 2018!
- Plan will be implemented in the 2018-2019 school year!

## SUPPORT FOR SCHOOLS

- ALL schools will receive support
- Using the accountability plan, additional support will be provided to:
  - ✓ Lowest performing 5% of all schools in the state
  - ✓ Schools where one or more subgroups are underperforming
  - ✓ High schools with graduation rates of less than 67%

### STUDENTS

African American  
Hispanic  
White  
Economically Disadvantaged  
English Learners  
Students with Disabilities

### DIFFERENT!

School performance will be measured based on these indicators:

1. Student Achievement
2. Growth in Student Achievement
3. Graduation Rate
4. English Learners' Academic Growth and Language Proficiency
5. School Quality & Student Success

NEW

### Levels of Support

- ⇒ Comprehensive
- ⇒ Targeted support
- ⇒ Additional Targeted Support

- ALL schools will develop school-level plans.
- School-level plans will be submitted to the district for approval.

## ARKANSAS' PLAN ALSO INCLUDES:

### Teachers:

- Will receive more support and professional development
- Focus will be on ensuring Arkansas students have access to effective teachers and education leaders

### English Learners:

- More transparency and accountability for English Learner students becoming proficient

### OTHER FACTORS THAT IMPACT STUDENT SUCCESS

Chronic absenteeism

Reading level of third-grade students

High school grads earning one or more AP/ International Baccalaureate/ Concurrent course credits

Academic growth and achievement in science

Community service learning