

# Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA)

Title IV, Part A

Student Support and Academic Enrichment

# Objectives of Title IV, Part A

1. Provide access to, and opportunities for, a **well-rounded education** for all students (*section 4107*)
2. Improve conditions for learning in order to create a **healthy and safe school environment** (*section 4108*)
3. Provide access to **personalized learning experiences** and **effective use of data/technology** (*section 4109*)

# Appropriation

- Congressional authorization: \$1.65 billion ceiling
- Senate HELP Committee: \$300 million
- President Obama: \$500 million
- House: \$1 billion
- Next step → Conference to determine final amount

# Allocation to qualifying LEAs

- Minimum grants of \$10,000 annually
- Grants of \$30,000 or more require:
  - Needs assessment completion (revisited every 3 years)
  - Allocate at least 20% to section 4107
  - Allocate at least 20% to section 4108
  - Allocate a portion of funds toward section 4109
  - Assure no more than 15% of remaining portion will be used for technology infrastructure
- Grants less than \$30,000 require only one program area to be addressed and no formal needs assessment

# Applications: LEAs must....

- Complete a comprehensive needs assessment and base activities on the results (\$30,000+)
- Consult with stakeholders and provide descriptions of partnerships
- Include a logic model visual
- Provide descriptions of activities to be carried out under sections 4107-4109
- Establish well-defined, measurable goals
- Outline roles and responsibilities
- Identify needed resources
- Describe process for evaluating effectiveness
- Assure distribution of funds is prioritized to schools with greatest needs, highest number of students in poverty, identified for improvement or as “persistently dangerous”

# Examples of Allowable Activities - 4107

- Improving access to foreign language, arts, music
- Supporting college/career counseling
- Programming to improve instruction and engagement in STEM
- Promoting access to accelerated learning opportunities
- Strengthening instruction in American history, civics, economics, geography, government education, environmental education
- Supporting activities in social emotional learning (SEL)

# Examples of Allowable Activities - 4108

## Safe & Supportive Schools

- Preventing bullying/harassment
- Relationship-building skills
- Dropout prevention
- Re-entry programs for justice involved youth
- Child sexual abuse awareness
- Reducing use of exclusionary discipline
- Suicide prevention
- Violence prevention
- Crisis management/conflict resolution
- Preventing human trafficking
- Culturally responsive teaching

## Student Physical/Mental Health

- Drug and violence prevention
- Health/safety practices in schools and athletics
- School-based health and mental health services
- Healthy, active lifestyle, nutritional education
- Physical activities
- Trauma informed classroom management
- Preventing use of alcohol, tobacco, marijuana
- Chronic disease management

# Examples of Allowable Activities - 4109

- Supporting high quality PD to educators to personalize learning and improve academic achievement
- Building technological capacity and infrastructure
- Carrying out innovative blended learning projects
- Providing students in rural/underserved areas with resources to benefit from high-quality digital learning opportunities
- Delivering specialized or rigorous academic courses using digital learning technologies and assistive technology