Key ESSA Implementation Milestones

Note: Specific dates vary by state

Transition to ESSA Begins
- December 2015: ESSA passes
- January 2016 – Present: US Dept. of Education provides ESSA guidance and regulation
- Fall 2016 – Early 2017: Regulations finalized on a rolling basis

Stakeholder Engagement and Drafting State Plans
- Summer 2016 – January 2017

Public Comment on Draft State Plans
- October 2016 – March 2017

Finalizing State Plans to Submit to U.S. Department of Education
- December 2016 – April 2017: Revising and finalize state plans for SEA and Governor to approve
- April 2017 or July 2017: Submit plans to U.S. Dept. of Education for approval
- August 2017 (2017-18 SY): New accountability systems take effect