



WHAT'S NEW IN ESSA?

QUICK FACTS: THE ARTS

PART OF A WELL-ROUNDED EDUCATION

ESSA solidifies funding for arts programs across the country. It does this by including The Arts in ESSA's definition of a well-rounded education. This allows schools to use federal funding for visual arts, dance, music, theatre, and media arts.

PUTTING THE "A" IN STEM

ESSA aims to integrate the Arts into Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM), in order to raise students' skills and interest in both STEM and the Arts.

BRINGING ARTS TO THE DISADVANTAGED

The Assistance for Arts Education Grant program is continued in ESSA, providing supplemental funds for underfunded arts programs in disadvantaged areas. These funds can be used for professional development, educational programming, outreach efforts, and more.

KEEPING STUDENTS IN SCHOOL

OSPI understands that arts education is a powerful motivator in keeping students interested in school and prevents them from dropping out. That's why OSPI is a steadfast supporter of arts education in Washington, and has developed state standards for our schools.



For more information on the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), visit:
<http://bit.ly/ESSA-WA>