

# Every Student Succeeds Act

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**Ensure states set high standards** so that children graduate high school ready for college and career.

□ **Maintain accountability** by guaranteeing that when students fall behind, states target resources towards what works to help them and their schools improve, with a particular focus on the lowest-performing 5 percent of schools, high schools with high dropout rates, and schools where subgroups of students are struggling.

□ **Empower state and local decision-makers** to develop their own strong systems for school improvement based upon evidence, rather than imposing cookie-cutter federal solutions like No Child Left Behind (NCLB) did.

□ **Preserve annual assessments and reduce the often onerous burden of unnecessary and ineffective testing** on students and teachers, making sure that standardized tests don't crowd out teaching and learning, without sacrificing clear, annual information parents and educators need to make sure our children are learning.

□ **Provide more children access to high-quality preschool**, giving them the chance to get a strong start to their education.

□ **Establish new resources** to test promising practices and replicate proven strategies that will drive opportunity and better outcomes for America's students.