Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA)
Title IV-A, Student Support and Academic Enrichment Grants and Science/STEM Education

Congress provided $1.17 Billion for the Title IV-A grant for FY19. Each state will receive an allocation based on their Title I funding formula. Using the same Title I formula, each state must allocate funds to school districts.

Schools or districts that receive an allocation above $30,000 based on their Title I status must do a needs assessment and spend:

- 20% Well rounded education
  - STEM
  - Music
  - Art
  - Physical Education

- 20% Safe schools
  - Healthy students
  - Violence prevention
  - School counselors
  - Mental health

- 60% Technology*
  - Materials/Prof Dev Equipment/Devices Digital Content
  - The remaining 60% of funds can be spent on all 3 priorities, including technology
  - *some funding must go towards tech, with a 15% cap on infrastructure

Schools or districts that receive an allocation below $30,000:

- Spend money on activities in at least one of the three categories

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WINTER/SPRING 2019

- Districts prepare to apply for FY19 ESSA funds, develop ESSA plans based on stakeholder input, district needs assessments, and priorities

SPRING/SUMMER 2019

- Districts submit ESSA plans, submit application for FY19 ESSA funds (Titles I-IV) and any competitive ESSA funds (e.g. 21st Century Community Learning Centers, School Leader Recruitment and Support Fund, Education Innovation and Research grants).

SUMMER/FALL 2019

- FY19 ESSA Title funds are awarded to districts from their State Department of Education

STEM

- Expansion of high-quality STEM courses
- Increased access to STEM for underserved and at-risk student populations
- Support for student participation in STEM nonprofit competitions
- Providing hands-on learning opportunities in STEM
- Integration of other academic subjects, including the arts, into STEM subject programs
- Creation or enhancement of STEM specialty schools
- Integration of classroom based, afterschool, and informal STEM instruction
- Expansion of environmental education

Contact your district’s central office to learn more about ESSA Title IV-A funding.