

Marathon Kids & ESSA

Every Student Succeeds Act



WHAT IS THE EVERY STUDENT SUCCEEDS ACT (ESSA)?

ESSA replaces *No Child Left Behind* as the federal education legislation. ESSA sets the framework for education by ensuring that states set and are accountable for high standards of education for all elementary and secondary students. On December 10, 2015, with bipartisan support, President Obama signed ESSA into law.

HOW DOES ESSA IMPACT PHYSICAL EDUCATION?

A well-rounded education, as defined by ESSA includes both physical education and health as well as other subjects. In contrast to *No Child Left Behind*, which led to widespread cuts for physical education and health, ESSA has allowed physical education and health to have the same opportunities as other academic subjects.

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR MY MARATHON KIDS RUNNING CLUB?

Physical activity programs, like Marathon Kids, will have access to significant funding under Title IV of ESSA. This funding will come in the form of grants awarded to states under the Safe & Healthy Students program. School districts and schools will be able to apply to their state department for funding for a wide range of healthy and physical activity programs for their school.

HOW CAN I APPLY FOR TITLE IV FUNDING?

The process of applying for funding is still being finalized by Congress and the U.S. Department of Education, however, there is action you can take now. *Ask your Principal today!* Talk to your school administration and district leaders to learn how your state Department of Education will award funding.

For up-to-date information on ESSA and Title IV funding, visit:

[U.S. Department of Education](http://www.ed.gov)

[SHAPE America](http://www.shapeamerica.org)

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