

ESSA Vermont State Plan

In addition to meeting the requirements of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), the Vermont State Plan reflects the education goals of Vermont to 1) prioritize support for the most vulnerable Vermont students; 2) prepare students to be members of a growing Vermont economy, and; 3) frame proposals that will be affordable to implement and maintain.

Continuous Improvement

The Agency of Education will provide support and guidelines for school systems to continuously improve their educational practices and student outcomes. The expected benefits of continuous improvement include:

- Identification of Education Quality Standards (EQS)-aligned goals by local systems
- Data-informed decision making in all areas of education
- Alignment of state and federal resources
- Support for our most vulnerable students

Measuring School Quality

Vermont has developed Education Quality Reviews to assess a school's success in meeting Vermont's Education Quality Standards. To ensure school quality, Vermont will evaluate the following **five measures** in all of our public schools:



Academic Proficiency

This component meets ESSA accountability requirements and includes multiple EQS curriculum content areas. The below measures will be used to assess academic proficiency.

Content Standards

How well are students performing in English language arts, mathematics, science and physical education?

English Language Proficiency

How well are English Learners gaining English proficiency?

Graduation Rate

Are students staying in school until they graduate?

College and Career Readiness

How well did seniors perform on career and college ready assessments? Are alumni pursuing career and college ready outcomes?

Summative Ratings

All Vermont public schools will be assessed through multiple measures. The school or school system will receive a rating. These ratings will aggregate into a rating for each component:



Exceeding Meeting Approaching Not Meeting

These will help schools and communities identify areas of strength and areas for growth. The ratings will also help focus continuous improvement efforts and tailor Agency support for those that qualify for Comprehensive and Targeted Supports.

