

## The Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) is a law that requires schools to prepare each student for college and career success.

The Maryland ESSA plan outlines actions that schools must take to align with the law to improve student achievement.

Essential to Maryland's ESSA plan is involvement of families and communities in school improvement.



**Schools and School Leaders Must Collaborate with Families and Community Members to Support Student Success**

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## HOW CAN I HELP MY CHILD SUCCEED?



**The Role of Family and Community Members in Maryland's Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) Plan**



## IMPROVING SCHOOLS

Maryland's ESSA plan focuses on improving the academic achievement and social-emotional well-being of each student to prepare them for college and career success.

Essential to this improvement is the partnership of school leaders with family and community members to:

- Identify reasons why students are not achieving in the school;
- Identify solutions to improve student performance; and
- Implement and monitor solutions that support student achievement.



## RATING SCHOOLS

Families and community members deserve to know how well schools are performing. Schools will be rated on key indicators such as academic performance, academic growth, school quality, and readiness for postsecondary success. Individual measures for each indicator are combined into an overall rating, represented by stars.

### Star Ratings



5 stars when a school has at least 75% of total earned points percent



4 stars when a school has at least 60% but less than 75% of total earned points percent



3 stars when a school has at least 45% but less than 60% of total earned points percent



2 stars when a school has at least 30% but less than 45% of total earned points percent



1 star when a school has less than 30% of total earned points percent

## SUPPORTING SCHOOLS

Families and community members can help schools improve.

Suggested activities for **community partners** are:

- **Donate** needed supplies and resources to the school.
- **Give** your time and talents to support school initiatives and goals.

Suggested activities for **families** are:

- **Participate** on school advisory boards or parent/teacher organizations.
- **Serve** as a school volunteer.
- **Ask** how you can help and how to stay informed.
- **Ask** questions about your child's performance.

Example questions include:

- How can I support my child's success and attendance in school?
- What additional resources are available to support my child's learning?
- What is required for my child to advance to the next grade or graduate?

