

Federal Accountability within a State Plan

Federal or State Accountability? Both! Under the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) all states need to submit a plan to the US Department of Education to show how schools are performing on a variety of academic measures. In 2014, Vermont enacted the Education Quality Standards (EQS). All Vermont schools need to demonstrate their success in meeting these standards. The Vermont plan allows our schools to meet ESSA requirements within the broader plan to review schools' progress in meeting EQS. In short, schools demonstrating their success in meeting EQS will simultaneously be demonstrating their success in meeting ESSA requirements.

Education Quality Standards Domains

Education Quality Standards can be broken into five domains demonstrating the diversity of the work done in schools.



Personalization



Safe, healthy schools



High-Quality Staffing



Academic Proficiency



Investment Priorities

Academic Proficiency Domain

EQS & ESSA



How well do schools provide students with opportunities to develop their skills and knowledge to be career and college ready?

The indicators specific to the Academic Proficiency domain meet federal ESSA accountability requirements while also reflecting academic proficiency goals of the Education Quality Standards.

Additional EQS Domains

The remaining domains provide feedback to additional standards of particular value to Vermonters. How well do our schools:



Provide students with opportunities to shape their own learning and to provide authentic engagement?



Provide environments where students feel healthy, safe and supported in achieving their goals?



Employ educators who are well trained and qualified to meet the needs of all student?



Provide quality experiences at a price that the community believes is appropriate?

