



EVERY STUDENT SUCCEEDS ACT (ESSA)

ESSA the 2015 Reauthorization of the ESEA is historic legislation for education and particularly music education. This bill includes specific language for music as an important component of a well-rounded education for all students.

In compliance with ESSA MMEA Requests:

- ✓ Missouri Legislature fully endorses ESSA and support music and art as part of a well-rounded education.
- ✓ We encourage as part of the new accountability formula student participation in all levels of music education be included as an “other indicator.”
- ✓ We request that funds be used for mentoring of teachers of well-rounded subjects.

ACCESSIBILITY TO MUSIC IN SCHOOLS

School day accessibility to music education program should be ensured across the state. MMEA recommends that the Missouri State Board of Education strengthen comprehensive and sequential music instruction in all elementary, middle and high schools in accordance to ESSA.

CHARTER SCHOOL

MMEA requests that the Education Department include all definitions and requirements for Well-Rounded Education for Charter Schools receiving grants under ESSA.

TEACHER EVALUATION

Music Educators should be evaluated by qualified individuals utilizing reliable measures germane to their field.

NATIONAL CORE MUSIC STANDARDS

MMEA supports the new **National Core Music Standards**. The National Standards for Arts Education are a statement of what every young American should know and be able to do in four arts disciplines-dance, music theatre, and the visual arts. Their scope is grades PK-12, and they speak to both content and achievement.