Title IV, Part A, Subpart 1: Student Support and Academic Enrichment

Statewide Random Validation Training: Evaluation of Program Effectiveness

September 2023

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Program Requirements Selected

Documenting overall compliance for a program requirement may require several forms of documentation to be maintained locally and available upon request by TEA and/or an auditor.

Program Requirements Selected

To ensure overall compliance with program requirements, LEAs should refer to the Program Guide and/or other program-related resources that reference the multiple forms of documentation required to be maintained locally.
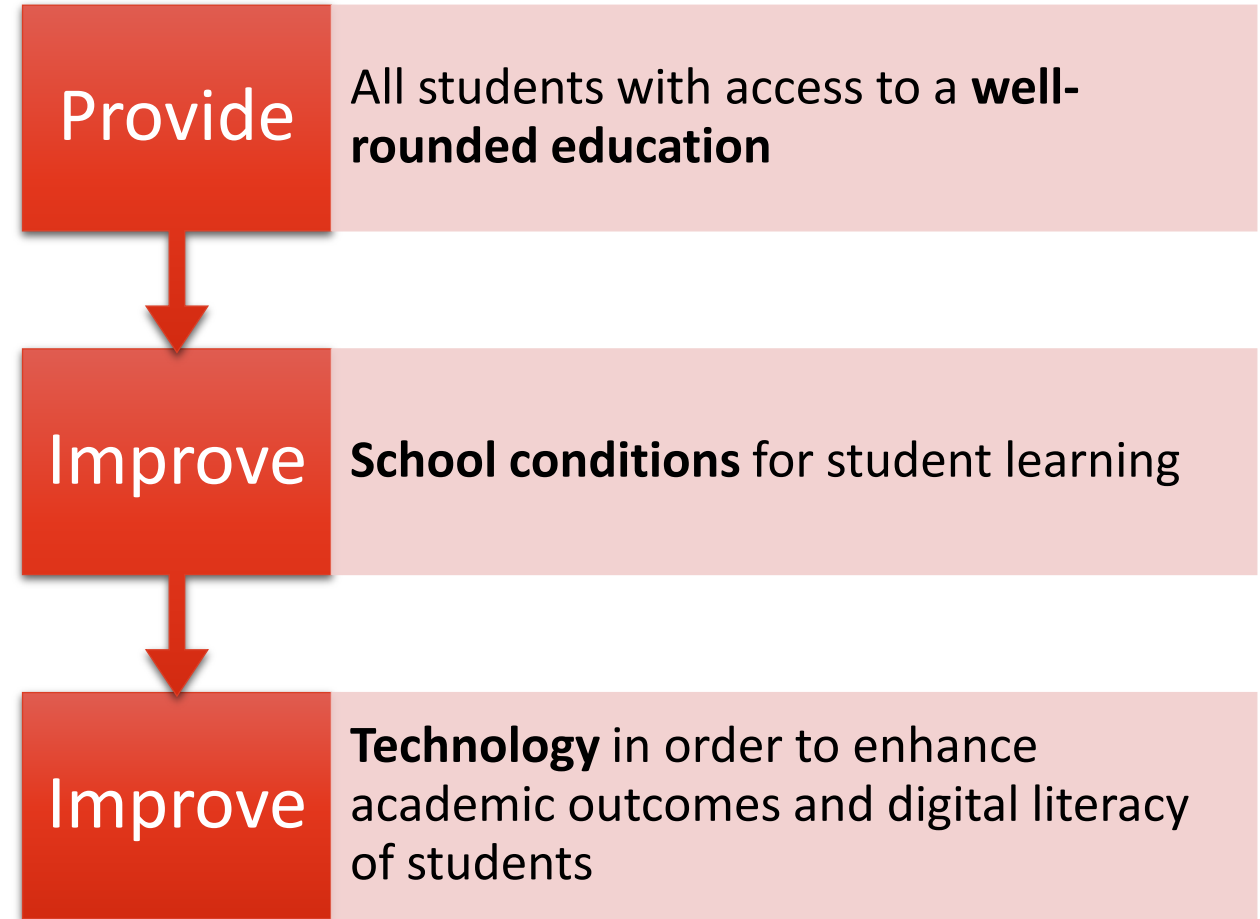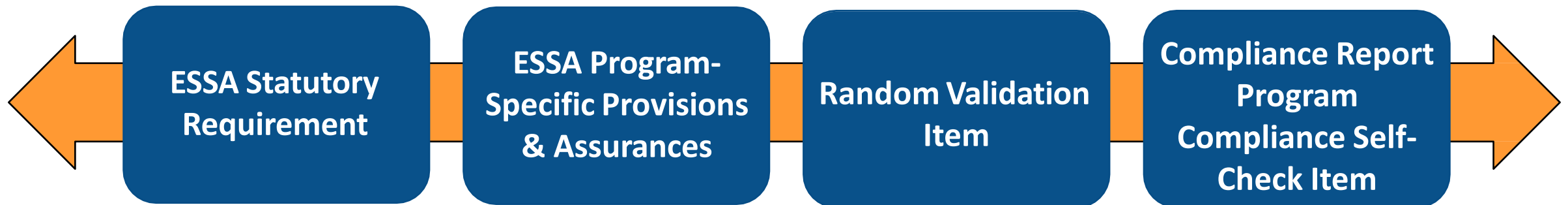
Program Requirements Selected

The documentation requested for submission during the random validation process may not include all forms of documentation that are required to be maintained locally.

Title IV, Part A, Subpart 1: Program Intent and Purpose

Title IV, Part A, Subpart 1, Student Support and Academic Enrichment grants are designed to improve the academic achievement of all students by increasing the capacity of LEAs, schools, and communities to:

Provide — All students with access to a **well-rounded education**

Improve — **School conditions** for student learning

Improve — **Technology** in order to enhance academic outcomes and digital literacy of students

2023-2024 Random Validation Calendar

⚠️ *2 weeks*

LEA Notification:
October 9, 2023
LEA Submission:
October 23, 2023

Phase 1
Title I, Part A
Title I, Part C
Title II, Part A
Title IV, Part A
Title I, Part A SNS

Phase 1 Random Validation Timeline

Task	Due Date
Federal Program Compliance (FPC) Random Validation (RV) WorkApp LEA contacts receive initial notification regarding program selection. Education Service Center (ESC) FPC RV WorkApp Contacts will be copied.	October 9, 2023
ESC staff will contact LEA to: • confirm receipt of initial notice; • confirm access to FPC RV WorkApp for appropriate staff; • offer technical assistance.	Contact within 1 business day after initial notification to LEA. Technical assistance through October 23, 2023
Deadline to submit documentation via the FPC Random Validation WorkApp System.	**October 23, 2023**
TEA program staff complete preliminary reviews.	February 5, 2024
TEA contacts ESC regarding LEAs that receive "Improvement Needed" status for ESC review and comment before TEA notifies LEAs.	February 15, 2024 – March 1, 2024
FPC RV WorkApp LEA contacts receive notification of validation results. ESC FPC RV WorkApp Communication List Contacts will be copied.	March 18, 2024
ESC technical assistance deadline if LEA receives "Improvement Needed" status regarding any items.	September 30, 2024
ESC submits documentation in the FPC RV WorkApp System that technical assistance was offered/provided.	September 30, 2024
If the LEA receives "Improvement Needed" status on a program requirement, the LEA will be required to submit documentation for 2024-2025 for the same requirement. The documentation must be submitted in the FPC RV WorkApp System.	September 30, 2024

Meeting Documentation Requested

Standard Documentation

- ✓ Meeting Agendas

- ✓ Meeting Notes/Minutes

- ✓ Sign-In Sheets

Meeting Documentation

Documentation for virtual meetings is acceptable.

LEA Random Validation
Title IV, Part A

Evaluation of Program Effectiveness

ESSA, Title IV, Part A, Section 4106(e)(1)(E)*

(e) Contents Of Local Application.—Each application submitted under this section by a local educational agency, or a consortium of such agencies, shall include the following:

(1) Descriptions.—A description of the activities and programming that the local educational agency, or consortium of such agencies, will carry out under this subpart, including a description of—

(E) the program objectives and intended outcomes for activities under this subpart, and how the local educational agency, or consortium of such agencies, will periodically evaluate the effectiveness of the activities carried out under this section based on such objectives and outcomes.

*Summary of statute section

Assurances Related to Title IV, Part A (#11e)

The LEA will maintain a description of the activities and programming that the LEA will carry out, including a description of:

- the *program objectives and intended outcomes* for activities under this subpart,

AND

- *how the LEA will periodically evaluate the effectiveness of the activities* carried out under this section based on such objectives and outcomes.

The LEA periodically evaluated the effectiveness of the Title IV, Part A, programs and/or activities based on the objectives and outcomes.*

*ESSA, section 4106(e)(1)(E)

Description of Acceptable Documentation

Relevant pages of the most current District Improvement Plan (DIP), Campus Improvement Plan (CIP), if campus based, or other official auditable documentation that provide a description which includes:

1. LEA's Title IV, Part A, evaluation process;
2. How LEA will periodically evaluate effectiveness;
3. Title IV, Part A, program objective(s); and
4. Title IV, Part A, intended outcome(s) of funded program(s) and/or activities.

Evaluation of Program Effectiveness

Documentation Required – Evaluation of Program Effectiveness
The most recent description of the process to evaluate the effectiveness of Title IV, Part A funded activities **aligned** to program objective(s) **and** intended outcome(s).

Issues that may result in an "Improvement Needed" status

- Auditable documentation requested was not submitted

- Documentation submitted does not describe the evaluation process

- Documentation submitted does not align to the requested **Evaluation of Program Effectiveness**

- Most recent evaluation of program effectiveness documentation was not submitted

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