



Assessment Working Committee

Georgia’s State Plan: Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA)

This committee will review statewide assessment requirements and needs, examine ways to take a more innovative approach to assessing students, strengthen formative tools, and make assessment data more timely and useful.

SCOPE

- Assessment Alignment, Innovation and Improvement
- Title I Part B Assessment Grants

CHARGE

- Develop feedback questions for stakeholders for feedback sessions throughout the state
- Discuss stakeholder input, U.S. Department of Education’s (USED) regulations/guidance, focus areas identified by the State Advisory Committee, and working committee-assigned portions of ESSA
- Coordinate with other working committees to write Georgia’s draft state plan

ACCOUNTABILITY

Georgia’s ESSA Working Committees report to GaDOE’s ESSA Leadership Team throughout the development process. The ESSA Leadership Team will ensure that benchmarks are being met and working committees are coordinating efforts to produce a cohesive draft ESSA State Plan.

The draft ESSA State Plan will be presented to the Advisory Committee for feedback. There will also be a review period for the public, State School Superintendent, State Board of Education, and Governor’s Office.

BENCHMARKS

<i>Month</i>	<i>Purpose</i>
July 2016	Charge, Orientation, Overview and committee-specific information
Aug-Oct	Stakeholder feedback will be shared with Working Committees as it is received*
Oct-Nov	Draft ESSA State Plan developed*
Dec	Presentation to Advisory Committee
Jan 2017	Public comment period; Governor, State Board of Education, State School Superintendent review; Overview to the House and Senate Education Committees
Feb	If necessary, reconvene the Advisory Committee to make revisions
Mar	Submit Georgia’s ESSA State Plan to USED



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Note: Timeline and *submission date tentative pending guidance from USED; USED must approve state plan no later than 120 days after submission.* *Working Committees have the flexibility to meet as needed via- face-to-face or teleconference.

MEMBERSHIP

Member	Position	Agency/District
Melissa Fincher <i>Chair</i>	Deputy Superintendent Assessment & Accountability	Georgia Department of Education
Steve Barker <i>Co-Chair</i>	Superintendent	Coweta County Schools
Terri DeLoach	Superintendent	Pierce County Schools
Steve Flynt	Associate Superintendent for School Improvement & Operations	Gwinnett County Schools
Rodney Green	Assistant Superintendent Teaching & Learning	Lowndes County
Claire Miller	Chief Academic Officer	Oconee County Schools
Jennifer Rippner	Executive Director of Education Policy & Partnership	University System of Georgia
Allison Oxford	Director of Special Education	Murray County Schools
Frank Williams	Assessment Director	Bryan County Schools
Beth Kieffer	Assessment Director	Forsyth County Schools
Michael Lamont	Acting Executive Director Research, Planning, & Accountability	Atlanta Public Schools
Cecelia McLoon	High School Principal	Jeff Davis County Schools
Rochelle Lofstrand	Middle School Principal	Decatur City Schools
Anthony Pack	School Improvement Director	Middle Georgia RESA
Rustin Howard	High School Teacher	Toombs County Schools
Katesa Walker	Elementary School Teacher	Dougherty County Schools
Lynn Holland	Special Education	Georgia Department of Education
Juan-Carlos Aguilar	Science Program Manager/Curriculum and Instruction	Georgia Department of Education
Michelle Purvis	Program Manager/Teacher & Leader Effectiveness	Georgia Department of Education
Allan Meyer	Assistant Director of Policy	Georgia Department of Education