



PISA Results Released Today: Everything You Need to Know

This morning, the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) released the most recent results from the Programme for International Student Assessment (PISA)—a test of reading literacy, mathematics, and science given every three years to fifteen-year-olds in the United States and more than seventy countries and economies. [Learn more](#) about the results.

Tomorrow, the Alliance will host a [series of digital panel discussions](#), including one featuring the **OECD's Andreas Schleicher**, on important lessons to learn from PISA 2015 and PISA's impact on the U.S. education systems. [Register here](#) to participate.

The results show that the United States made the largest improvement in educational equity. In response, Alliance President Bob Wise noted that "PISA tells us that pursuing equity does not mean forgoing excellence." [Read his statement on the results.](#)

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 [Click to Tweet](#): What are the important lessons from PISA for the U.S. #education system? Join @all4ed on Dec. 7 <http://bit.ly/2ghz3qT> #OECDPISA



Trump Names Betsy DeVos for Education Secretary: Nomination Draws Mixed Response from Legislators

Last week, President-elect Donald Trump nominated Betsy DeVos, a Michigan-based philanthropist and school choice advocate, for U.S. Secretary of Education. During the presidential campaign, Trump promised to expand school choice options for students and proposed a \$20 billion voucher program that would allow federal funds to follow students to private schools. His nomination of DeVos likely indicates he plans to pursue that school choice agenda.

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ED Releases Final ESSA Accountability Regulations: What's Different and What's Next?

On November 28, the U.S. Department of Education (ED) released much anticipated final accountability regulations under the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), the education law that replaced No Child Left Behind at the end of 2015. The final

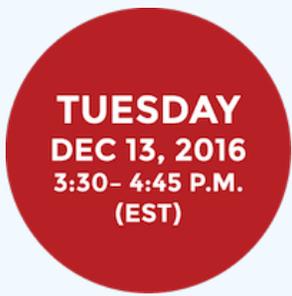
regulations make several key changes to accountability, state plans, and the implementation timeline but maintain a focus on traditionally underserved students.

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Coming Soon

Adolescent Brain Development: What It Means for High Schools and Learning



The Alliance will host a webinar on adolescent brain development, the recent research in this area, and the potential impact that research could have on schools, teaching and learning, and education policy. It will feature **Ron Dahl, pediatrician and world-renowned developmental scientist**, who will present research on the topic of adolescent neurodevelopment.

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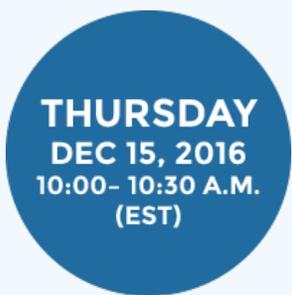
Equity and ESSA: Using the New ESSA Regulations to Advance Educational Opportunity



Join the Alliance and the Learning Policy Institute (LPI) for a webinar on using the new Every Student Succeeds Act regulations to advance equity and educational opportunity. Designed for state policymakers and education stakeholders, the webinar will focus on how states can effectively design multiple-measure accountability systems to assess overall school performance and progress—including gaps in student performance—and drive evidence-based interventions and continuous improvement across all schools and for all students.

[Register for the Webinar](#)

What's in Your Space?: The Impact of Space on Student Learning



For two decades, educators have been told to incorporate skills for the global economy, adapt to diverse learning styles, and employ technology. This requires changing thinking and physical spaces. How can or should these spaces change to keep pace with and reflect twenty-first-century teaching models? This webinar will discuss five practical steps to help educators shift their thinking and transform their physical learning spaces so that they work for today's students, or

Generation Z.

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In Case You Missed It



Federal Flash: Trump's Nominee for Education Secretary Draws Mixed Response; Timeline Pushed Back for ESSA Implementation

Betsy DeVos received a mixed response as President-elect Donald Trump's nominee to lead the U.S. Department of Education (ED). This week's Federal Flash profiles DeVos and the reaction to her nomination. It also highlights changes to accountability, state plans, and the implementation timeline that were contained in ED's final accountability regulations for the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA).

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How the International Baccalaureate's Diploma Program Supports Underserved High School Students

This webinar explores the International Baccalaureate (IB) Organization's four rigorous programs of education for students to develop the intellectual, personal, emotional, and social skills needed in the global economy. To date, nearly 900 U.S. high schools have chosen to offer the IB Diploma Program, several of which are Title I schools serving high percentages of students from low-income families. Watch and learn about the IB program, its impact on Title I schools, and opportunities to expand IB under the Every Student Succeeds Act.

[Watch the Video](#)



From Theory to Practice: How Blended and Personalized Learning Comes to Life in the Classroom

This webinar highlights how The Learning Accelerator (TLA) thinks technology can be used to benefit every student in America and will offer specific classroom examples of where technology is accelerating student learning. Panelists provide unique insights into these practices, including how they evolved from an idea to an instructional strategy, as well as the conditions and supports that make them possible.



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Alliance in the News



Teacher Kevin Cournoyer shares his personal experience with teacher turnover in the *Huffington Post*, sharing Alliance data that teachers moving schools or leaving the profession costs the United States up to \$2.2 billion every year.

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Three Future Ready school leaders from Massachusetts and Rhode Island discuss leadership strategies for building 21st century schools in *Education Dive*.

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