



ESSAA

Empire State Supervisors &
Administrators Association

COVID-19 GUIDANCE UPDATE

April 30, 2020

Required Updates to District Continuity of Learning Plans



☐ [ACTION REQUIRED - DEADLINE: 5pm on May 4](#)

☐ Districts must update the responses previously provided on the Continuity of Learning Plans and respond to new questions.

☐ Resources concerning digital equity can be found on the Curriculum and Instruction website. (Link provided)

Flexibility on Use of Funds Associated with Approved 19-20 Consolidated Applications for ESSA-Funded Programs During Closures:

- [LINK TO GUIDANCE](#)
- Questions and answers regarding the use of approved 19-20 funds during the period of district/school closures.

Guidance on Federal Funds Affected by COVID-19



☐ [LINK TO GUIDANCE](#)

☐ Provides information on flexibilities that LEAs may apply to federal funds and associated programs.

☐ Guidance on allowability of costs not normally chargeable to awards is provided noting that factors affecting allowability include reasonable costs and allocable costs. Other allowances and restrictions listed.

☐ If budget changes relating to federal grants is needed, an FS-10A must be submitted. Requests can be expedited by emailing program officer.

☐ Carry-Over Limits and Period of Funding Availability-certain provisions of ESEA and GEPA are waived.

☐ Period of availability extended for some programs (List provided)

☐ Extensions for: reporting, closeout and single audit timeline submission.

☐ List of Additional flexibility being sought by NYSED

Supplement #1: Provision of Services to Students with Disabilities- Additional Q&A



☐ [LINK TO GUIDANCE](#)

☐ Special education and ELL services must be provided as part of continuity of learning during closures.

☐ Where it is not possible to provide a service, collaboration with families/guardians to ensure FAPE is balanced with the safety of students and providers

☐ Further guidance provided on evaluation, reevaluation and annual reviews. Timelines still apply. Delays must be appropriately documented.

☐ Further guidance regarding Continuity of Learning as it relates to out-of-district programs and preschool special education provided.

☐ The 180-day waiver as applied to nonpublic schools with special education programs, Special Act Districts, State Operated and Preschool/SCIS programs was clarified.

☐ Additional resources to support continuity of learning, families and transition were provided and linked.