



Eustis Public School/Eustis School Department
EVERY STUDENT SUCCEEDS ACT (ESSA) GRANT
(a reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act)
2026-27

Description of the Law

The Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) was passed by the U.S. Congress in 1965. It was later reauthorized as the Improving America's Schools Act and then as the No Child Left Behind Act. In December, 2015, Congress passed and President Obama signed the Every Student Succeeds Act as the latest reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act.

The purpose of the law has always been to provide a full educational opportunity to every student in conjunction with civil rights laws. Each school district's allocation is based on its poverty rate (the number of students who qualify for free or reduced lunch) and enrollment.

Funding

The Maine Department of Education has received and shared preliminary allocations for ESEA funding for Maine school districts. Final allocations will come out on July 1st and are usually a little higher. These are the 2026-27 allocations for RSU #74 along with the current year's allocations:

	<u>2026-2027</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
Title I	\$7,964.34	\$6251.79
Title II	\$703.62	\$3,608.63
Title IV	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
Total	\$18,667.96	\$19,860.42

Projects

Here are the projects that we tentatively plan to do with these funds and for which we welcome input and suggestions from the School Board and community members.

Title I

***Remedial Instruction in Reading and Math**

Students who are scoring below grade level benchmarks will receive supplemental instruction. Stratton School is a schoolwide school in which all students are eligible to receive services when needed. Funding will be used to fund a portion of the salary and benefits for our Title I teacher.

***Support for Homeless Students**

We are required to set some funds aside in Title I to help homeless students to overcome the obstacles to their ability to access educational programming. An example of a possible obstacle would be transportation.

Title II

Title II funds will be transferred to support Title V projects.

Title IV

Title IV funds will be transferred to support Title V projects.

Title V

The monies transferred from Title II and Title IV will be used to help fund a portion of the salary and benefits of the school social worker. The school social worker meets with all students instructing on social emotional learning and fostering an environment where all learners feel accepted and ready to learn.