



The MASK Academy E3 Lessons, Lesson Books, and Activity Time are all interactive and educational as they collectively meet the following, National Health Education Standards published by the CDC, and Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA).

### **What is Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA)?**

The “Every Student Succeeds Act” (ESSA) was created to provide opportunities for state Departments of Education and local education agencies to put in place programs that foster a complete and well-rounded education for all students.

Under ESSA, each state includes measures of student engagement, educator engagement, postsecondary readiness, school climate and safety, and any other indicator that the State chooses that meets the requirement of the clause. The clause in the ESSA pertains to a measure of student growth for public elementary schools and secondary schools that are not high schools in the State. Arizona’s indicator for student growth involves college and career readiness.

### **How does MASK meet ESSA Standards?**

Based on ESSA’s measurements of student growth, MASK Programs meets the specific criteria the act requires. The following descriptions explain how MASK remains applicable:

- Student engagement:
  - o Students complete tasks such as the lesson books, activities, student polls, and watch videos related to the program.
  - o The comprehensive program is intentionally structured to engage children in active learning through a multimodal method of education delivery including music, motion, science, and technology
- Educator engagement:
  - o Educators facilitate discussion amongst students, abide by the teacher guide, and make MASK programs a requirement in their classes.
  - o MASK provides teachers weekly classroom-based assignments that can be used to ease their workload
- Postsecondary readiness/ College and career readiness:
  - o MASK provides an introduction of new skills and effective ways of implementation through Social Emotional Learning to prepare students for different life events.
  - o MASK engagement activities meet AZ College and Career Readiness as well as National Health Education Standards
- School climate and safety
  - o MASK promotes making safe, healthy choices amongst school campuses by improving school climate through encouraging discussion regarding things in students’ lives, engaging in school-wide activities related to social emotional learning, and through certain songs and activities that remind students of their ability to make these good choices.