Get Knowledgeable! — The Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA)

The Every Student Succeeds Act offers many opportunities to support a sequential, comprehensive music education in our nation’s schools through:

• Title I, Part A – Provides funds to school districts to help disadvantaged children achieve proficiency on challenging academic standards and improve the performance of low-achieving schools.
• Title II, Part A – Focuses on improving student academic achievement by bolstering skills and expertise of teachers, principals, and other educators and increasing the number of high-quality teachers and principals in schools.
• Title IV, Part A – Provides funds to support a well-rounded education (including music), safe and healthy students, and the use of technology in the classroom.


Take Action! — Advocate for Your School’s Music Program

Become an advocate at the state and local level through the Civic Action Field Guide: bit.ly/NAfMECivicActionFieldGuide

• Know an administrator or lawmaker? Invite school board members, county/district supervisors, state and national lawmakers to a school music performance.
• Increase involvement in school music programs by sponsoring school music clubs or talent shows to generate interest and enthusiasm among students not currently enrolled in music classes.
• Work with teachers and administrators to get involved in Title IV, Part A planning for your school district. These funds can support a well-rounded education, including music.

To learn about how you can advocate for Title IV, Part A funds to be used in your school’s music program:
Visit bit.ly/TitleIVAtoolkitFAQ for Title IV, Part A Toolkit for ideas.
Visit bit.ly/AdvocacyResourcesNAfME for other advocacy resources.