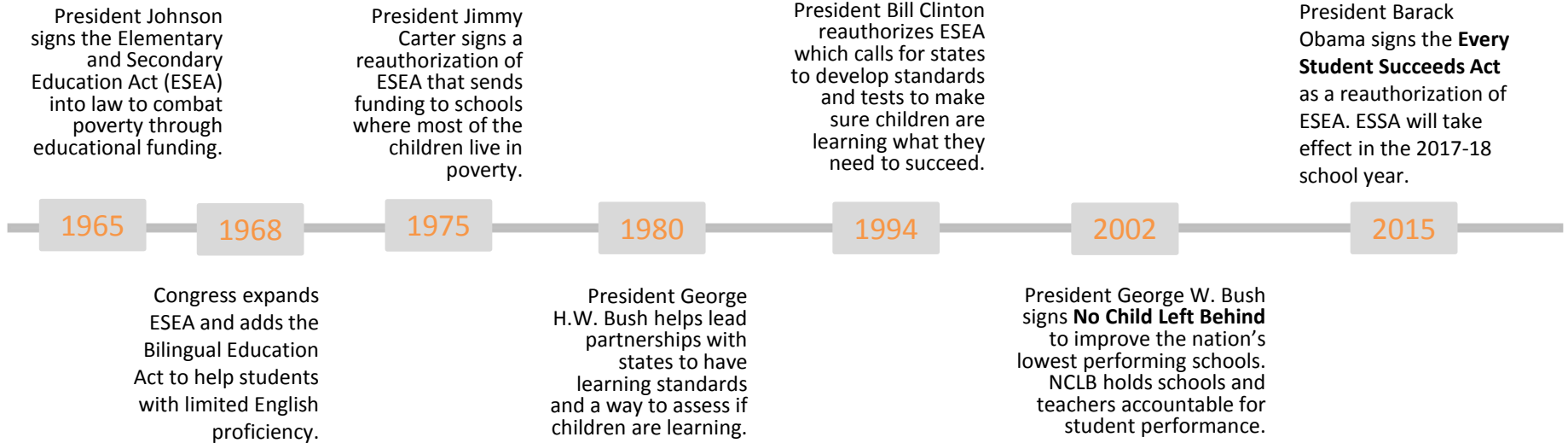


Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA): A Timeline

"With this bill, we reaffirm that fundamentally American ideal—that every child, regardless of race, income, background, the zip code where they live, deserves the chance to make of their lives what they will."

— President Barack Obama



The Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) is about **creating opportunities for all students – particularly our low-income and minority students.** Although ESSA is still in its early phases, it has a history that dates back to the 1960s, when the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) was first signed into law. Since then, ESEA has gone through several reauthorizations in both Republican and Democratic presidencies. Its purpose has always stayed the same: to provide all students — particularly students from low-income communities – with an education that prepares them for success in life. ESSA provides an opportunity for parents, teachers, students and community members to provide feedback on how our schools can best support all of our students. It's up to all of us to make sure every student in the state of New York has the support they need to achieve their dreams in college, career and beyond.