

## **Federal Programs at a Glance**

The Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) was approved and signed into law in December of 2015 as a reauthorization of the 1965 Elementary and Secondary Education Act which established the federal role for K-12 education. ESSA grants federal funding and defines standards for assessment, accountability, educator preparation and much more. Unicoi County receives funding under the following sections of ESSA:

### **Title I, Part A**

The Title I program provides support to local districts to improve teaching and learning for students in high poverty schools. Unicoi County chooses to operate under a school-wide model to improve the educational experience of all students within the school.

#### **Title I Schools in Unicoi County**

Temple Hill Elementary  
Love Chapel Elementary  
Unicoi Elementary  
Rock Creek Elementary  
Unicoi County Middle School

### **Title II, Part A – Teacher and Principal Training and Recruiting**

Title II, Part A is designed to increase the academic achievement of all students by helping schools and districts improve teacher and principal quality. This program provides professional development to teachers and principals to encourage lifelong learning and improvement in the craft of teaching.

### **Title III – English Learners**

Title III provides support to students who have a primary language other than English in a specialized setting. The purpose of the Title III, Part A program is to improve the education of English Learners by helping them learn English and meet challenging state academic standards. An English Learner can be an immigrant or a non-immigrant student.

### **Title IV**

The purpose of Title IV, Part A, Student Support and Academic Enrichment Grants (SSAE), is to provide funds to improve students' academic achievement by increasing the capacity of state educational agencies, districts, and local communities to

- provide all students with access to a well-rounded education (well-rounded education)
- improve school conditions for student learning (safe and healthy students)
- improve the use of technology in order to improve the academic achievement and digital literacy of all students (effective use of technology)