

ESSER III Funding

On March 11, 2021, the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act was signed into law. In it, the U.S. Department of Education is providing an additional \$121.9 billion for the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund (ARP ESSER Fund). This legislation awards grants to state educational agencies (SEAs) for providing local educational agencies (LEAs, i.e., school districts) with emergency relief funds to address the impact that COVID-19 has had, and continues to have, on elementary and secondary schools across the nation.

CARES I, ESSER II, and ARP (ESSER III)

Indian Prairie School District 204 has used its federal funding, and will continue to do so, to support a comprehensive educational program that aligns with the current requirements provided by local, state, and federal health and safety officials. The district has worked closely with our local health department to consistently implement recommended safety protocols to ensure a safe in-person environment for all students, and to support their academic, social, and emotional growth. Since July 2020, the district has formally engaged with the community more than 25 times regarding a safe learning environment, providing learning loss and mental health supports, and the use of federal funding.

The funds have been used to support:

- Universal and correct wearing of masks
- Operational usage to allow for physical distance, outside learning, and upgraded ventilation
- Handwashing and respiratory etiquette
- Cleaning and maintaining facilities
- Contact tracing in combination with isolation and quarantine
- Diagnostic and screening tests
- Vaccination promotion for staff, students, families, and community members
- Learning loss supports including class size reduction, academic coaches and engagement specialists, summer learning opportunities, and supplies for students
- Mental health supports including a mental health and SEL coordinator and Youth Mental Health First Aid training
- Increased nursing supports

ARP ESSER III Spending Plan

Each school district that receives ARP ESSER Funds must develop a plan for the use of the funds and provide an opportunity for the public to provide comments. Public input on this plan may be submitted to Doug Eccarius at douglas_eccarius@ipsd.org.

Below is a summary of the plan for Indian Prairie School District #204.

ARP/ESSER III Allocation Plan

ESSER III General Allocation = \$8,482,374 (at least 20% of which must be used to address the loss of learning)

Proposed Expenditures

Learning Loss (\$5,451,198):

- Summer Learning and Enrichment PreK-12
 - Staff Salaries and Benefits
 - Summer School Supplies
 - Transportation
 - Summer Reading and Math supplies for all EC through 5th Grade
 - STEM Enrichment Supplies
- After School Programming
- Additional Academic Support Staff (K-12)
- Literacy Coordinator
- Math Coordinator

Other (\$1,983,090):

- Transportation to support PreK satellite locations
- Supplies for Homeless Students
- Mental Health Coordinator
- Health Protocols Support
- Student Supplies/Materials/Resources

Indirect (\$1,048,086)

ESSER III State Set-Aside Allocation for Targeted Funding

Target 1: Learning Loss (\$622,021)

- Diagnostic Assessment - iReady
- Hire additional staff to support a building with a higher population of low-income students and ELL students

Target 2: Summer Enrichment (\$124,404)

- Transportation for Summer School

Target 3: After School Programs (\$124,404)

- Transportation for after school programs

All expenditures, along with specific planning for afterschool and summer school programs, will be dependent on grant approval.

USE OF FUNDS SUMMARY:

Total Allocation: \$9,353,203.00

Indirect Allocation: \$1,048,086.00

Total to Allocate: \$8,305,117.00

Description	FY23	FY24	Total
Mental Health Coordinator	\$71,140	\$71,140	\$142,280
Literacy and Math Coordinators	\$280,240	\$280,240	\$560,480
Elementary Class Size Reduction	\$917,575	\$975,520	\$1,893,095
Summer Learning Salaries	\$222,251	\$222,251	\$444,502
Student Books/Supplies to Send Home	\$752,033	\$749,287	\$1,501,320
Summer and After School Transportation	\$401,000	\$401,000	\$802,000
Nursing Supports	\$272,155	\$272,155	\$544,310
iReady Assessments	\$202,000	\$212,000	\$414,000
Staff to support Learning Loss	\$391,565	\$401,565	\$793,130
Supplies to support Academic Acceleration	\$410,000	\$410,000	\$820,000
Pre-school satellite service buses	\$190,000	\$200,000	\$390,000
Total Direct	\$4,109,959	\$4,195,158	\$8,305,117
Indirect			\$1,048,086
Total			\$9,353,203