

# ARP ESSER Plan



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# Introduction

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.

South Carolina will receive \$2,112,051,487 in ARP ESSER funds from the ARP Act, with 90 percent being awarded to LEAs with amounts determined in proportion to the amount of Title I, Part A funds they received in summer 2020. The remaining funds to South Carolina will be used for state-level activities to address issues caused by COVID-19.



This plan describes how the LEA will use funds that it is awarded under the ARP ESSER program. This report template complies with all reporting requirements of the ARP Act (Public Law 117-2), the [ARP ESSER grant](#) terms, conditions, and assurances (CFDA Number 84.425U), and the interim final rule established by the U.S. Department of Education, [86 FR 21195](#).

# ARP ESSER Budget Overview

Total Amount of LEA Award

Required 20 Percent for Learning Loss

## Funds for Prevention and Mitigation Strategies

In the text field below, describe the extent to which and how the LEA will use funds to implement prevention and mitigation strategies that are, to the greatest extent practicable, consistent with the most recent Centers for Disease Control (CDC) guidance on reopening schools, in order to continuously and safely open and operate schools for in-person learning.

(Click box to scroll)

# ARP ESSER High Level Budget

Note: The total amounts below must match the LEA's ARP ESSER Budget that details expenditures by allowable activity. A description of the ARP ESSER allowable activities are online on the [ARP Act ESSER Spending Categories webpage](#).

ARP ESSER Allowable Activity	Budgeted Amount
Learning Loss (20% required)	
Activities authorized under the ESEA, the IDEA, the AEFLA, and the Perkins Act	
Coordination, preparedness, and response efforts	
Activities to address unique needs of specific students	
Improving preparedness and response efforts	
Training and professional development on sanitation	
Supplies to sanitize and clean facilities	
Planning, coordinating, and implementing school closures	
Educational technology	
Mental health services and supports	
Planning and implementing summer learning and afterschool programs (in addition to Learning Loss budgeted above)	
Addressing learning loss among students (in addition to Learning Loss budgeted above)	
School facility repairs and improvements	
Improving indoor air quality	
Developing and implementing public health protocols	
Other activities to maintain operation and continuity of services	
Total Budget	

# Activities to Address Learning Loss

## ARP ESSER Learning Loss Requirements

The LEA must use 20 percent of the funds it receives under the ARP ESSER program to address the academic impact of lost instructional time through the implementation of evidence-based interventions, such as summer learning or summer enrichment, extended day, comprehensive afterschool programs, or extended school year. The LEA should duplicate or align with the goals, strategies, and evidence-based interventions in its Academic Recovery Plan to minimize duplication of efforts.

### **Academic Recovery Plan – English Language Arts** (click box to scroll)

### **Academic Recovery Plan – Mathematics** (click box to scroll)

### **Academic Recovery Plan – Social, Emotional, Behavioral and Mental Health** (click box to scroll)

### **Academic Recovery Plan – Other Activities** (click box to scroll)

# Activities for other ARP ESSER Funds

The LEA must describe how it will expend its remaining ARP ESSER funds in the other allowable categories. Detailed categories are available on the [ARP ESSER Spending Plan Categories webpage](#).

**Activities authorized under the ESEA, the IDEA, the AEFLA, and the Perkins Act**  
Description of Planned Activities if applicable (click box to scroll)

**Coordination, preparedness, and response efforts**  
Description of Planned Activities if applicable (click box to scroll)

**Activities to address unique needs of specific students**  
Description of Planned Activities if applicable (click box to scroll)

**Improving preparedness and response efforts**

Description of Planned Activities if applicable (click box to scroll)

**Training and professional development on sanitation** Description of  
Planned Activities if applicable (click box to scroll)

**Supplies to sanitize and clean facilities**

Description of Planned Activities if applicable (click box to scroll)

**Planning, coordinating, and implementing school closures**

Description of Planned Activities if applicable (click box to scroll)



**Educational technology**

Description of Planned Activities if applicable (click box to scroll)

**Mental health services and supports**

Description of Planned Activities if applicable (click box to scroll)

**Planning and implementing summer learning and afterschool programs (in addition to Learning Loss budgeted above)**

Description of Planned Activities if applicable (click box to scroll)

**Addressing learning loss among students (in addition to Learning Loss budgeted above)**

Description of Planned Activities if applicable (click box to scroll)

**School facility repairs and improvements**

Description of Planned Activities if applicable (click box to scroll)

**Improving indoor air quality**

Description of Planned Activities if applicable (click box to scroll)

**Developing and implementing public health protocols**

Description of Planned Activities if applicable (click box to scroll)

**Other activities to maintain operation and continuity of services**

Description of Planned Activities if applicable (click box to scroll)

# Evaluation and Review

The LEA must describe how it will ensure that the interventions it implements to address the academic impact of lost instructional time will respond to the academic, social, emotional, and mental health needs of all students, and particularly those students disproportionately impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. These include students from low-income families, students of color, English learners, children with disabilities, students experiencing homelessness, children in foster care, and migratory students. The LEA should use or align with its progress monitoring narrative from its Academic Recovery Plan in this section to avoid duplication. (click box to scroll)

# Consultation and Public Input

The LEA must engage in meaningful consultation with stakeholders and give the public an opportunity to provide input in the development of its plan. Specifically, the LEA must engage in meaningful consultation with students; families; school and district administrators (including special education administrators); and teachers, principals, school leaders, other educators, school staff, and their unions. Additionally, the LEA must engage in meaningful consultation with each of the following, to the extent that they are present in or served by the LEA: Tribes, civil rights organizations (including disability rights organizations), and stakeholders representing the interests of children with disabilities, English learners, children experiencing homelessness, children in foster care, migratory students, children who are incarcerated, and other underserved students.

Description of how public input was obtained (click box to scroll)

Required Stakeholder	Date(s) of Input
Students	
Families	
School and district administrators	
Teachers	
Principals & school leaders	
Other educators, school staff	
Professional organizations	
Other stakeholders representing key student subgroups	

# ASSURANCES

As a requirement for ARP ESSER funds, the LEA must agree to all of the following terms, conditions, and assurances included, but not limited to the following. All assurances and terms and conditions are included in the LEA's Subgrant Award Notification and accompanying attachments.

1. This LEA will use American Rescue Plan Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund (ARP ESSER) funds for activities allowable under section 2001(e) of the ARP.
2. This LEA will comply with the maintenance of equity provision in section 2004(c) of the ARP.
3. This LEA will reserve not less than 20 percent of its total ARP ESSER allocation to address learning loss through the implementation of evidence-based interventions, such as
  - a. summer learning or summer enrichment,
  - b. extended day,
  - c. comprehensive afterschool programs,
  - d. extended school year programs, or
  - e. other evidence-based interventions,
 and ensure that such interventions respond to students' academic, social, and emotional needs and address the disproportionate impact of COVID-19 on student subgroups (each major racial and ethnic group, children from low-income families, children with disabilities, English learners, gender, migrant students, students experiencing homelessness, and children and youth in foster care).
4. This LEA will either:
  - a. within 30 days of receipt of ARP ESSER funds, develop and make publicly available on the LEA's website a plan for the safe return of in-person instruction and continuity of services as required in section 2001(i)(1) of the ARP, or
  - b. develop and make publicly available on the LEA's website such a plan that meets statutory requirements before the enactment of the ARP. This LEA will, as required in section 2001(i)(2) of the ARP, before making the plan publicly available, have sought public comment on the plan and took such comments into account in the development of the plan.

5. This LEA will comply with all reporting requirements at such time and in such manner and containing such information as the U.S. Secretary of Education may reasonably require, including on matters such as:
- a. how the LEA is developing strategies and implementing public health protocols including, to the greatest extent practicable, policies and plans in line with the CDC guidance related to addressing COVID-19 in schools;
  - b. overall plans and policies related to the LEA's support for return to in-person instruction and maximizing in-person instruction time, including how funds will support a return to and maximize in-person instruction time, and advance equity and inclusivity in participation in in-person instruction;
  - c. data on each LEA's mode of instruction (remote, hybrid, in-person) and conditions;
  - d. LEA uses of funds to meet students' social, emotional, and academic needs, including through summer enrichment programming and other evidence-based interventions, and how they advance equity for underserved students;
  - e. LEA uses of funds to sustain and support access to early childhood education programs;
  - f. impacts and outcomes (disaggregated by student subgroup) through use of ARP ESSER funding (e.g., quantitative and qualitative results of ARP ESSER funding, including on personnel, student learning, and budgeting at the school and district level);
  - g. student data (disaggregated by student subgroup) related to how the COVID-19 pandemic has affected instruction and learning;
  - h. requirements under the Federal Financial Accountability Transparency Act (FFATA); and
  - i. additional reporting requirements as may be necessary to ensure accountability and transparency of ARP ESSER funds.