Clayton County Public Schools
ESSER Funding ~ CARES, CRRSA, and ARP Grants

After the COVID-19 pandemic and implementing virtual learning, school systems across the nation are proactively preparing for next school year with recovering learning loss at the forefront of educators and parents' minds. Clayton County Public Schools will ensure the use of evidence-informed actions that lead to accelerating students' learning instead of overdosing students in remediation-driven practices. Clayton County will increase students' *opportunity to learn* since *[this]* has the strongest relationship with student achievement of all school-level factors (i.e., curriculum, feedback, involvement, safety, and professionalism) as identified by evidence-based research.

CARES Act - ESSER I Funds

Clayton County Public Schools was awarded $17,458,566. The funds were expended in the following ways:
- Purchased supplies, equipment, and contracted services from a vendor to sanitize and clean schools and district facilities and buildings
- Purchased Chromebooks, iPads, headphones, and laptop bags for students to have access to engage in remote learning
- Purchased instructional software programs and a learning management program for students to have access to participate in remote learning (Zoom and Canvas)
- Purchased PPE (masks, partitions, face shields) for students and staff to slow the spread of the virus in schools and facilities

CRRSA Act – ESSER II Funds (Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations)

Clayton County Public Schools was awarded $75,921,262. The funds were expended in the following ways:
- Provided all students with extended learning opportunities, to include: summer programs, targeted intervention support, after/before school learning, work-based learning, and 24/7 tutorials
- Provided Fine Arts students access to enrichment programs during the summer
- Purchased instructional resources and software programs in the core content areas (Math, ELA, Science, and Social Studies)
- Purchased Chromebooks, laptops, document cameras, webcams, headphones, and laptop bags for students and staff
- Provided students and staff with hotspots to engage in remote learning
- Funded digital learning specialists to support the students and staff use of technological devices, tools, and resources
- Funded staff to work the district's vaccination drives and clinics
- Trained staff on the multi-tiered systems of support (MTSS)
- Continuity of services and staff (nutrition and transportation staff ~ salaries and benefits)
- Purchased PPE (masks, partitions, face shields) for students and staff to slow the spread of the virus in schools and facilities

- Purchased supplies and equipment to sanitize and clean schools and district facilities and buildings

American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act - ESSER III Funds

Clayton County Public Schools was awarded $170,631,173. The funds were expended in the following ways thus far:
- Provide all students with extended learning opportunities, to include: summer programs, targeted intervention support, after/before school learning, work-based learning, and 24/7 tutorials
- Build capacity in instructional staff to plan, prioritize, and deliver instruction that is rigorous, relevant, and differentiated/specialized for subgroups which require more support
- Support and address the unique learning needs of students through cognitive, academic, social, emotional and behavioral learning support.
- Hire additional staff to support the needs of our students and staff (paraprofessionals, literacy coaches, student engagement specialists, school behavioral health specialists, MTSS leads, social workers, data clerks, SEL and ESOL instructional specialists, etc.)
- Hire staff for the Virtual Learning Academy (principal, assistant principals, teachers, counselors, etc.)
- Provide training for staff on SEL areas inclusive of Emotional Intelligence, Culturally Responsive Practices, Mindfulness, Restorative Practices, Trauma Informed Care, and Mental Health
- Provide students and teachers with a comprehensive online SEL curriculum that provides professional development modules, lesson plans and full modules for all grade levels
- Repairing and improving school facilities and indoor air quality
- Purchasing supplies to sanitize and clean the district facilities
- Purchased instructional resources and software programs in the core content areas (Math, ELA, Science, and Social Studies)