

Clayton County Public Schools
ESSER Funding ~ American Rescue Plan (ARP)

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.

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
- Technology devices for students and staff (Chromebooks, HP computers, printers, Mimio Boards, and headphones)
- Purchasing supplies to sanitize and clean the district facilities
- Purchased instructional resources and software programs in the core content areas (CTAE, Fine Arts, Health/PE, Math, ELA, Science, and Social Studies)
- Retention bonuses for all district staff members (classified and certified)