

American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act Grant Funds

Six Month Update ~ October 24, 2023 Katrina Thompson, Executive Director of Federal Programs



American Rescue Plan (ARP) Overview

In March 2021, the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act was signed into law, dedicating funds for K-12 schools through the Elementary and Secondary School Education Relief (ESSER) III funds.
As a result, Clayton County Public Schools received just over \$170 million through the ARP
ESSER III program to be expended before September 30, 2024.
The purpose of these federal funds is to help sustain the safe and effective operations of our schools and address the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on our students and staff. Additionally, at least 20% of the funds received must be used to: address student learning loss through evidence-based interventions, maintain continuity of services for students and staff including SEL and mental health, and provide additional support for underrepresented student subgroups (e.g., racial/ethnic groups, gender, students from low-income families, students with disabilities, English learners, migrant students, students experiencing homelessness, and students in foster care).

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

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- → 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

ARP Grant Priorities



- → Digital resources for students and staff
- → Textbook Adoption (Math, English/Language Arts, Science, Social Studies, CTAE, Fine Arts, and Heath/PE)
- → Access for all students enrolled in CCPS to tutoring/homework assistance via an online platform
- → Maintaining safe, healthy learning environments
- → After-school and summer extended and enrichment learning opportunities
- → Transportation and nutrition services for afterschool and summer programming
- → Technology devices for students and staff (Chromebooks, HP Laptops, Printers, Mimio Boards, Headphones)
- → Staff to address students' mental & physical health, learning loss, SEL and learning loss (social workers, early reading literacy coaches, ESOL instructional specialists, MTSS leads, student behavioral health specialists, counselors, student engagement specialists)

ARP Grant Priorities



- → Professional development for school staff and leaders
- → COVID-19 Vaccines and Incentives for Staff
- → Parent workshops and resources to support learning at home
- → Virtual Learning Academy (VLA) (salaries and benefits for staff, supplies, and curriculum resources)
- → Students will have access to after-school enrichment programs in the community and tutoring services from contracted vendors
- → Recruitment and retention incentives for employees
- → Repaired instruments and equipment for school-based Fine Art programs
- → Supplemental instructional resources for students (supplies, clear book bags, manipulatives, leveled readers, science lab equipment, and test prep materials)

ESSER Grants Update



ESSER Grant Name	Grant Allocation	Amount Received
ESSER I - CARES 4/30/2020 - 9/30/2021	\$17,458,566	\$17,428,190.82
ESSER I - CARES Carryover 7/01/2021 - 9/30/2022	\$30,375	\$30,374.82
ESSER II - CRRSA 4/30/2020 - 9/30/2022	\$75,921,262	\$74,326,018.97
ESSER II - CRRSA Carryover 7/01/2022 - 9/30/2023	\$1,595,243	1.595.243
ESSER III - ARP 7/01/2020 - 9/30/2023	\$170,662,645	\$107,758,586.69

We Need Your Feedback and Input!

We are soliciting your feedback and continued input on the six-month review of our plan to support our students and staff with the funds received through the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021.

Your input is an essential part of the district's process to address learning loss through evidence-based interventions and maintain a safe learning environment for our students and staff.

ARP Budget: \$170,662,645

Grant Period: March 13, 2020 - September 30, 2024



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