



Planned Use of Funds – ARP ESSER:

The ARP ESSER funds are available for expenditure between March 11, 2021 and September 30, 2024. The ESSER funds are categorized into one main grant and four 'set-aside' funds including Accelerated Learning Coaching & Educator Support, Evidenced-based Summer Learning & Enrichment Activities, Evidenced-based Comprehensive Beyond the School Day Activities, and Mental Health Support Staffing.

Summer learning and enrichment opportunities will be provided for all students in the summer of 2022. While all students will benefit from these free, open enrollment programs, the district academic focus continues to be improving student learning outcomes for students who demonstrate a need for additional support, and/or populations most affected by COVID. Summer programs will also provide additional support for students at transitional grade levels (7th and 9th), providing transition activities on campus which focus on social/emotional, mental health, and behavioral supports during the summer.

The remaining ESSER funds will be spent on replacing student Chromebooks, staff professional development, transportation, character education, and student services in social/emotional learning and mental health to address students' academic and personal needs.

Students who were disproportionately affected by COVID-19 will be serviced during the school year and the summer programs in smaller groups (including class size, Title I services, ESL services, and tutoring groups) with teachers specialized in how to provide academic interventions to these learners. Case managers, school counselors, teachers, and administrators also collaborate with I & RS teams to review the academic and social progress of these students. ESSER funds are providing more mental health and social services to students who are disproportionately affected by COVID, as reviewed through data and the input of students, families, and mental health professionals.

The district collaborates with all stakeholders in an ongoing manner on a quarterly basis, or more, regarding student progress and the progress of the plan. Consultation occurs with parents, students, counselors, and community organizations to support our ELL students, students with IEPs and/or 504 plans, homeless students, and students receiving free and reduced lunch.

ESSER ARP Funds:

-Chromebooks & Cases (2 years) \$500,000

Chromebooks will be purchased and issued to students in grades 7 & 10 as part of the district’s technology inventory plan. Chromebooks will replace existing ones that have reached end-of-life.

-Contracted Transportation \$372,270

These funds will be used to fund the transportation bids that were sought last year to provide transportation to students to and from school as well as after-school activities. The pandemic created a significant need for bus drivers due to personnel shortages caused by resignations and retirements. The bids received exceeded budgeted funds.

-Special Education Consultants \$50,000

These funds will be used to contract additional related service providers for students with disabilities in accordance with their learning needs outlined in their IEP’s. Some personnel vacancies within the district have caused the need to contract with outside agencies to provide the services to the students.

Accelerated Learning Coaching & Educator Support Grant

-Social-emotional psychological professional services (2 years) \$80,000

-Behaviorist Consultant (2 years) \$80,000

These two services will be contracted with professional providers that specialize in mental and behavioral health to support our students, who have demonstrated various challenges since returning to full-time in-person learning.

-Professional Development for educators and support staff \$24,156

Additional training for all professional and support staff will be provided to equip the members of the school community with the tools they need to support learning acceleration and social/emotional health of students.

Evidence-Based Summer Learning & Enrichment Activities Grant

-Summer learning program – salaries \$40,000

The district plans to implement the Pioneer Prep summer program again this summer at both the middle school and high school, open to all students, to address learning gaps and serve as a bridge to the next grade level or course. Serving students in the transitional grades, 7th and 9th, will be one of the focuses of the program.

Evidence-Based Comprehensive Beyond the School Day Activities Grant

-After school tutoring program \$40,000

The district will provide a new one-to-one and/or small group tutoring program for all students outside the school day (before school, after school, or during lunches) using our certified staff to support students with their learning goals. An additional focus will be placed on students needing academic intervention.

Mental Health Support Staffing Grant

-Acenda Contract \$88,501

The district is expanding its existing contract with Acenda to provide more hours of mental health services to students on site, to address this documented need for student and family support.