

Premier Academy ESSER Use of Funds Plan

Overview

Under the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief III ARP Fund (ESSER III), the Department awards grants to State educational agencies (SEAs) for the purpose of providing local educational agencies (LEAs), including charter schools that are LEAs, with emergency relief funds to address the impact that Novel Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) has had, and continues to have, on elementary and secondary schools across the nation. LEAs must provide services to students and teachers in public schools as required under the American Rescue Plan Act. To gather information from the community and stakeholders a survey was utilized.

Grundy/Kendall ROE 24 Allotment

ROE24 has received an ESSER III allotment from the Illinois State Board of Education of \$266,239. The funds may be utilized through September 30, 2024.

Required Use of Funds

ARP-ESSER III funds must be used to implement prevention and mitigation strategies that are, to the greatest extent practicable, in line with the most recent CDC guidance, in order to continuously and safely operate schools for in-person learning. No less than 20 percent of the ROE 24's total allocation of ARP ESSER funds will be used to address the academic impact of lost instructional time during the pandemic on the following items:

- Provide summer school programs for students that have experienced learning loss over the past year for students in grades 6 through 12.
- Provide a school tutor available after school hours to support learning loss.
- Provide technology upgrades for staff by purchasing 14 new staff laptops and 125 student laptops.
- Professional development will be offered to teachers and administrators particularly in the area of social emotional learning
- Provide educational software in the areas of core classes and social emotional learning to support learning loss

ARP-ESSER III funds may also be used to repair and upgrade projects to improve air quality in school buildings. ROE 24 will use the remaining portion of these funds on the following projects:

• Update and replace the original heating/air conditioning unit in the gym to improve the ventilation and air quality within the building.

The public is invited to complete comments on ESSER III use of funds by using this link.

The above will be reviewed every 6 months and adjusted to include additional purchases.