



ESSER III Funds Use Plan

Joliet Public Schools District #86 Return to Learn Plan is aligned with the guidance provided by the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH), and the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE).

ARP-ESSER III Funds Use Plan The American Rescue Plan, Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Grant (ARP ESSER III), authorized under the American Rescue Plan provides school districts help to safely reopen and sustain the safe operation of schools and address the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the nation's students. The funds will be used to address needs of individual schools.

Community Input in regard to ESSER 3 Funds

Joliet Public Schools provide a survey on our district website to seek input for all stakeholders to include staff, families, community members, businesses, and community organizations.

Use of Funds

Joliet Public School District 86 will use ESSER funds for the following purposes:

- Provide after school tutoring (online and in-person) in the areas of English Language Arts and Mathematics to respond to students' academic, social, emotional and mental health needs for students
- Purchase instructional software licenses to focus on reading and mathematics based on individual student needs to address learning recovery.
- Purchase classroom technology resources and materials to enhance teaching and learning and improve physical, digital, and online security.
- Purchase evidence based intervention materials to address the academic impact of lost instructional time.

- Purchase student furniture to increase classroom space which serves as a mitigation strategy.
- Provide HVAC upgrades to improve the air quality and filtration for students to reduce the spread of COVID-19.
- Provide additional staff for social/emotional/behavioral support to students.
- Provide professional development for teachers in the area of social/emotional learning, core content areas, and intervention.
- Provide certification to assist with hard to fill positions to include; special education, ESL, and middle school endorsements.

Learning Loss

Joliet Public Schools District 86 will allocate no less than 20% of its ESSER funds to address learning loss through evidence-based interventions, such as summer learning or summer enrichment, extended day, comprehensive after-school programs, or extended school year programs.

Instructional Supports

Joliet Public Schools District 86 will provide the following academic supports:

- Provide high quality professional learning opportunities
- Use benchmark testing to identify learning strengths and gaps
- Purchase educational technology and digital learning resources
- Provide additional paraprofessionals for intervention support
- Provide in-person and virtual tutoring opportunities

Social, Emotional, and Mental Health Supports

Joliet Public Schools will provide the following social, emotional, and mental health supports:

- Provide additional resources for Second Step curriculum
- Add additional district psychologist to meet the needs of students and families
- Provide family engagement opportunities for parents to provide support for students

Please see the website for additional information:

- Joliet Public Schools District 86 Spending Plan
- Return to In-Person Learning