

GJPS: ARP ESSER Plan

2021-2024



General Information:

ARP ESSER funds have been designated to aid districts in their response to the COVID-19 pandemic. To support schools with addressing the academic impact of lost instructional time as a result of COVID-19, ARP ESSER expenditures may include but are not limited to providing additional staff, supplemental instructional resources, and evidence-based interventions, such as summer learning programs, and/or extended school year programs that respond to students' academic, social, and emotional needs and address the disproportionate impact of coronavirus on student populations including students from low-income families, students of color, English learners, children with disabilities, students experiencing homelessness, and children in foster care. Funds may also be used to offset other district costs and shortfalls caused by the pandemic.

Allocation:

Gahanna-Jefferson Public Schools received \$9,339,814.52 in federal ARP ESSER funds that must be expended by September 30, 2024. A set aside of at least 20% or \$1,867,962.90 must also be reserved to address learning loss due to the pandemic.

Servicing Plan:

To support our administrators, teachers, and staff with addressing students' needs and district operations during pandemic recovery, we will be adding several resources and support structures.

Most PPE and health protocols will be addressed using ESSER II funds, however, ARP ESSER funds may also be used to supplement those needs. ARP ESSER funds will be used to hire an additional nurse and clinic aide to support COVID contract tracing and quarantine protocols, as well as, instructional staffing supports for positive or symptomatic students and those placed into quarantine.

GJPS will implement three evidence-based interventions including summer school, summer enrichment and after school tutoring programs. The after school tutoring programs will be run at the building level with support from the district curriculum team. Summer school and summer enrichment will provide district developed offerings available once the school year concludes. ARP ESSER funds will be used to pay staff for instruction and planning. In addition transportation and registration costs will be covered for families.

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ARP ESSER funds will be used to purchase a universal screener for assessing students at the elementary, middle school and high school levels to help identify gap areas. We will support teachers with addressing those learning gaps with quality core instruction by providing professional development for staff in the areas of reading, math, and equitable access to support improved practice.

We plan to supplement learning loss gaps by hiring additional math and reading support staff. These staff members will implement targeted evidence-based interventions including Bridges intervention, fact fluency intervention and interventions that address the balanced literacy components. We will also provide helpful resources and practice tools/materials for families to use at home.

GJPS staff will provide interventions for all students based on need with a particular focus on students from low-income families, students of color, English learners, children with disabilities, students experiencing homelessness, children in foster care and migratory students. Social-emotional and behavioral needs will also be assessed and supported with the use of additional mental health liaisons, behavior support aides, a HS Dean of students, and campus supervisors.

Additional teachers will be hired to support class size reduction and additional digital learning tools and resources such as Google Enterprise, Dreambox, Lexia, Classkick, GoFormative and IXL will be purchased to support teaching and learning. An Esports program will be utilized to increase motivation for students struggling with engagement.

These ARP ESSER funds will be used through the 21-22, 22-23, and 23-24 school years. The implementation and use of instructional resources and training will occur during the year and after school tutoring, summer school and experiential learning opportunities will run in after school hours and during summer months.

ARP ESSER funds will also be used to supplement our middle school athletics fund which lost revenue during COVID closures and distancing protocols. Additionally, ARP ESSER funds will be used to address various safety and security needs in the district such as facility upgrades and enhancements.

In addition, the ARP ESSER funds may be used to provide safety and security enhancements including vestibule entries in several buildings, window, parking lot, sidewalk and roof repairs, security camera replacements and MERV filters.

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Stakeholder Feedback:

As a district we gathered feedback from various stakeholders including teachers, administrators, staff and parents to identify our most important educational needs. Feedback was gathered through meetings and district-wide surveys to determine academic and social-emotional needs as a result of COVID-19. We are also using student data to help with these determinations.

Translated Documents

- [Nepali ARP ESSER Plan](#)
- [Somali ARP ESSER Plan](#)
- [Spanish ARP ESSER Plan](#)