

Calhoun Community Unit School District #40

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ARP-ESSER III Funds Plan

ARP-ESSER III 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.

Calhoun CUSD #40 Allotment

The Calhoun School District has received an ESSER III allotment from the Illinois State Board of Education of \$902,697. 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 Calhoun School District'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 for Grades K through 12.
- Provide after school tutoring for students that have experienced learning loss for Grades 6 through 12.
- Funds will be used to retain staff members so we can continue to implement interventions for students.
- Purchase Digital Curriculum and other consumable resources for the classrooms.
- Provide and purchase resources associated with Capturing Kids Hearts which will help address the SEL needs of students.
- Technology to support the learning environments at home and school.
- The district will use funds to provide quality professional development that includes, but is not limited to; SEL, Differentiated Instruction, Data Driven Decision Making, Progress Monitoring, Reading, Math, etc.
- Expenditures related to additional cleaning/disinfecting/germ prevention
- Online subscriptions and assessment tools for teachers

ARP-ESSER III funds may also be used to repair and upgrade projects to improve buildings and other mitigation related areas. The Calhoun School District will use the remaining portion of these funds on the following projects:

- Purchase air purifiers for both buildings.
- Update ceiling fans for better circulation at CHS.
- Replace deteriorating ventilation fans at CES.
- Maintain the surface of the gym floors for additional use of students.
- Additional fencing added to CES where cohorts of students may play safely outside.