



ESSER Funds Overview Dawson County Schools

What is ESSER?

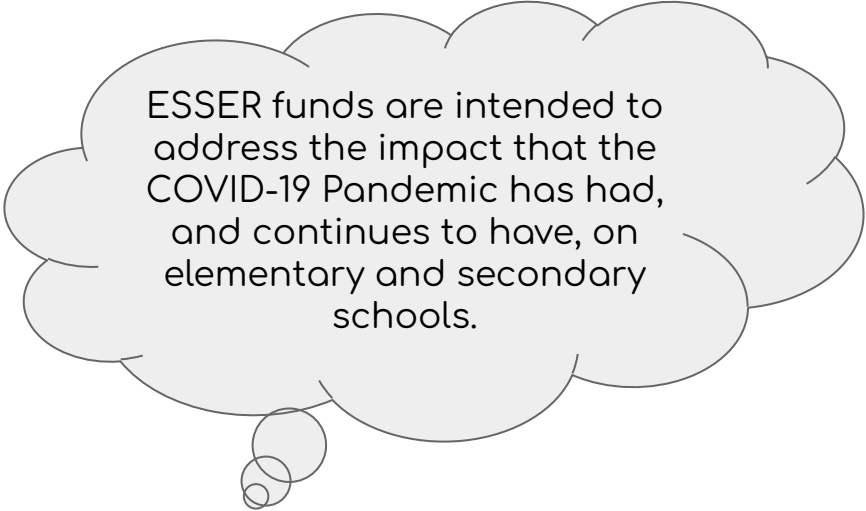
E - Elementary &

S - Secondary

S - School

E - Emergency

R - Relief



ESSER funds are intended to address the impact that the COVID-19 Pandemic has had, and continues to have, on elementary and secondary schools.



Overview of ESSER Funds?

I
RELIEF

Coronavirus Aid, Relief and
Economic Security (CARES)
ACT

- DCS was allocated 418,695
- Relief & Continuity of Services
- Obligation Timeline 9/2022

II
REOPEN

Coronavirus Response & Relief
Supplemental Appropriations
(CRRSA) ACT REOPENING

- DCS was allocated 1.6m
- Same as ESSER I plus reopening
- Obligation Timeline 9/2023

III
RECOVERY

American Rescue Plan (ARP)
ACT RECOVERY

- DCS was allocated \$3.7m
- Same as ESSER I and II plus recovery, learning loss, enrichment, and mental health
- Obligation Timeline 9/2024



ESSER III Requirements?

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LEA Use of Funds Plan

- Posted to district website
- Use of Funds Initial Plan approved
- 20% for learning loss
- Plan is fluid and will change based on feedback and need.

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2021-2022 Return to School Plan

- Posted to district website
- Revised as needed based on COVID-19 community spread data

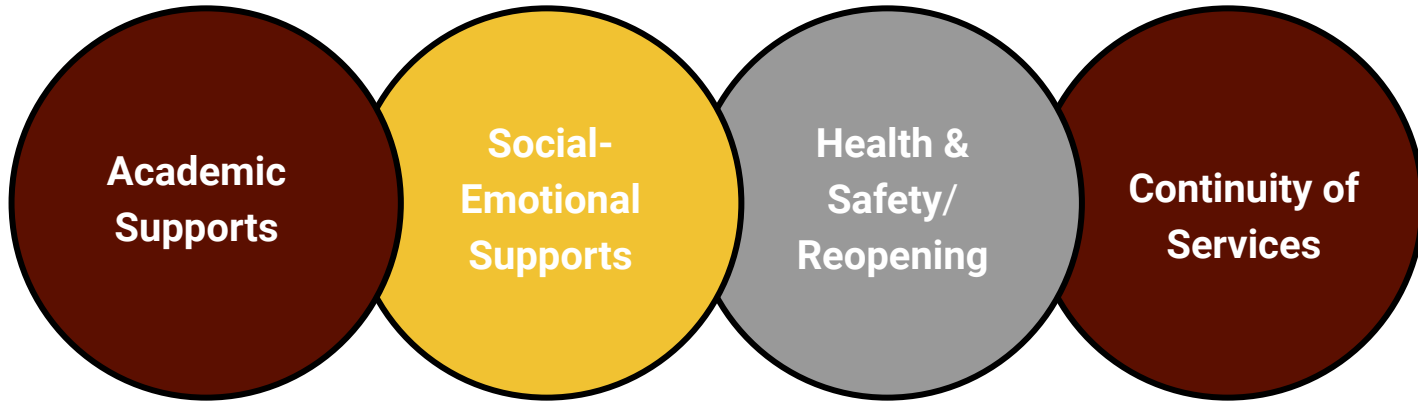
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Ongoing Revision of Plan

- Stakeholder Input
 - Survey posted to website
 - Governance Team Feedback
 - Stakeholder Meetings
- Comprehensive Needs Assessment
- End-of Year Survey Results
- Student Achievement Data



Use of Funds ESSER III?



DCS Use of ESSER III

Dawson County School System plans to utilize ESSER III American Rescue Plan (ARP) federal funds to address all students' academic, social, emotional, and mental health needs resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic. The initial Use of Funds Plan includes:

- ❖ Extended summer school (Summer Soar, DCMS, 8-12 Programs)
- ❖ Academic supplemental resources (digital and print)
- ❖ Instructional coaches,
- ❖ SEL supports,
- ❖ Retention pay for staff and teachers,
- ❖ Additional support staff (high school transition specialists, school social worker)



ESSER III Stakeholder Feedback

- ❖ The district will continue to monitor, evaluate, and update our plan based on stakeholder feedback and the district's comprehensive needs assessment throughout the funding period of the ARP ESSER grant at least every six months.
- ❖ Please visit the district website and complete the feedback survey.
- ❖ Your input will help the district understand stakeholder priorities for using ESSER III funds as we move through the recovery phase of the COVID-19 pandemic.
- ❖ More information to come in January about how you can help us collect stakeholder feedback.

