

Delaware ARP ESSER State Plan Highlights

Total ARP ESSER allocation for Delaware: \$410,861,389

ARP ESSER funding released to Delaware on March 24, 2021: \$273,822,643

ARP ESSER funding released to Delaware on July 22, 2021: \$137,038,746

2020-2021 Preliminary Statewide Enrollment: 138,092

Top Priorities within Delaware's plan:

- Learning acceleration
- Social, emotional, and behavioral health of students and staff
- Stakeholder engagement in promoting student success
- Educator recruitment and retention

Highlights of Delaware's Plan:

- **Returning to In Person Learning in 2021:** Delaware's Office of the Governor and Delaware Department of Education (DDOE) support a full return to in-person learning following CDC guidelines for the 2021-2022 school year.
- **Safely Reopening Schools and Sustaining Safe Operations:** DDOE coordinated a statewide, cross-agency effort to make vaccines available to all interested education and school support staff in Delaware school districts, charter schools, and private schools. DDOE-sponsored clinics vaccinated over 16,000 educators and school staff throughout the state, and DDOE vaccine events were hosted in Delaware schools with school nurses providing post-vaccine monitoring support.
- **Addressing the Academic Impact of Lost Instructional Time:** DDOE has identified a number of evidence-based interventions it may use ARP ESSER funds for, which will be refined and finalized after further discussions with DDOE staff, LEAs, community organizations, and additional stakeholders. The funds may be used for designating ESSER funds to engage students who have missed the most instruction, providing educators with professional learning to most effectively use data to meet student needs, providing access to student and family supports in families' home languages, focusing on mental health literacy, and providing additional supports and counseling.
- **Investing in Summer Learning and Expanded Afterschool Programs:** DDOE has identified a number of evidence-based interventions it may use ARP ESSER funds for in summer 2021, which will include high-dosage tutoring, expanding online reading platforms, and expanding access to high-quality instructional materials.
- **Supporting Students' and Educators' Social, Emotional, and Mental Health Needs:** DDOE will extend its Social, Emotional and Behavioral Wellbeing plan (SEBW) to provide districts and schools with support and resources to identify and provide interventions to students who may be experiencing mental health challenges. The SEBW plan also demonstrates how schools can use current and new support staff alongside strategic system approaches to strengthen social, emotional, and behavioral wellbeing.
- **When Delaware LEA Use of Funds Plans will be due:** August 23, 2021