

New Hampshire ARP ESSER State Plan Highlights

Total ARP ESSER allocation for New Hampshire: \$350,561,159

ARP ESSER funding released to New Hampshire on March 24, 2021: \$233,667,755

ARP ESSER funding released to New Hampshire on August 5, 2021: \$116,893,404

2020-2021 Preliminary Statewide Enrollment: 169,027

Top Priorities within New Hampshire ARP ESSER plan:

- Individualized instruction to recover any learning loss
- Addressing educator fatigue
- Improving family engagement

Highlights of New Hampshire's ARP ESSER Plan:

- **Returning to In Person Learning in 2021:** New Hampshire will require in-person instruction for all students.
- **Safely Reopening Schools and Sustaining Safe Operations:** New Hampshire educators were prioritized for vaccines just behind emergency and medical personnel and the most vulnerable populations. Vaccine administration was coordinated through Community Health Centers and the New Hampshire Department of Education (NHDOE), including options for on-site clinics at school locations.
- **Addressing the Academic Impact of Lost Instructional Time:** NHDOE is considering using ARP ESSER funds for evidence-based interventions including small-group, multi-age, trauma-sensitive instruction to students who may need additional support, high-quality and intensive tutoring, supplemental special education therapies and services, and outdoor and alternative learning spaces through its new Recovering Bright Futures and Yes! programs. In its selection of evidence-based interventions to address learning loss, the SEA intends to consult the federal What Works Clearinghouse, engage with subject matter experts, and seek technical assistance from the Comprehensive Centers.
- **Investing in Expanded Afterschool Programs:** NHDOE is considering using ARP ESSER funds to partner with multiple community-based organizations and schools to provide wraparound services to low-income students and English learners such as digital literacy and joint family instruction, and provide high-quality afterschool STEM enrichment, including robotics. NHDOE is also considering expanding its ReKINDling Curiosity program, which provides low-income students and students with disabilities the opportunity to attend a licensed New Hampshire camp.
- **Supporting Students' and Educators Social, Emotional, and Mental Health Needs:** The state education agency has contracted with the New Hampshire Community Behavioral Health Association and the Association for the State Community Mental Health Centers. Through this \$500,000 contract, all New Hampshire camp counselors (ages 14 and up) can access training this year and next to help identify and respond to mental and behavioral health issues of students.
- **Supporting Educators:** NHDOE will utilize its critical shortage survey results that will be collected in October 2021 to evaluate if higher than normal levels of retirement and attrition are resulting from the pandemic. This will inform strategies to support the teacher workforce and future teacher recruitment. The NHDOE also rolled out an extensive training program to all educators to help equip them and provide them tools for online instruction, including a statewide

learning management system and high-quality instructional materials for all students and educators.

- **Community Engagement and Consultation:** NHDOE leveraged a group of stakeholders through its School Transition, Redesign and Reopening Taskforce, created specifically for COVID-19 to engage the required stakeholders in meaningful consultation for its ARP ESSER plan. It was organized into six workgroups: Instruction, Student Wellness, School Operations, Technology, Student Voice, and Associations. The workgroups gathered feedback separately, and then presented such feedback for discussion in a public meeting. NHDOE considered and incorporated the feedback throughout its ARP ESSER state plan.
- **When New Hampshire LEA Use of Funds Plans will be Due:** August 23, 2021