

Ohio ARP ESSER State Plan Highlights

Total ARP ESSER allocation for Ohio: \$4,475,243,513

ARP ESSER funding released to Ohio on March 24, 2021: \$2,981,378,065

ARP ESSER funding released to Ohio on July 15, 2021: \$1,493,865,448

2020-2021 Preliminary Statewide Enrollment: 1,645,412

Top Priorities within Ohio's plan:

- Supporting the academic, social, and emotional needs of students and educators
- Investing in academic resources, connectivity, and enhancing in-person, remote, hybrid, and blended education opportunities

Highlights of Ohio's Plan:

- **Returning to In Person Learning in 2021:** The Ohio Department of Education (ODE) anticipates continued efforts from the state's schools and districts toward offering safe, fully in-person learning to all students who desire it.
- **Safely Reopening Schools and Sustaining Safe Operations:** Ohio is focused on providing vaccination opportunities to children ages 12 to 18 through several key channels including pediatricians, school partnerships, and summer food service program sites. Schools have the ability to offer vaccine opportunities to children through vaccine providers during their extended or summer learning opportunities, as well as during the fall.
- **Supporting Students Most Impacted by the Pandemic:** ODE will use state-level data to identify and report trends for students most impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. ODE is building a multi-year plan to reach students impacted by the pandemic. Additionally, ODE requires each district to provide a description of how it is addressing the impact of the pandemic on particular groups of students.
- **Supporting Students' and Educators Social, Emotional, and Mental Health Needs:** ODE will prioritize trauma-informed and culturally responsive practices to meet students' academic, social and emotional needs when they reengage in learning during the summer and the 2021-2022 school year by responding to mental health data from the Ohio Healthy Youth Environments Survey. Additionally, ODE is partnering with the Governor's office, the Ohio Department of Medicaid, and the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services to expand school-based services and increase behavioral and physical health supports for students.
- **When Ohio's LEA Use of Funds Plans will be due:** August 20, 2021