

North Carolina ARP ESSER State Plan Highlights

Total ARP ESSER allocation for North Carolina: \$3,601,780,364

ARP ESSER funding released to North Carolina on March 24, 2021: \$2,399,461,137

ARP ESSER funding released to North Carolina on September 13, 2021: \$1,202,319,227

2020-2021 Preliminary Statewide Enrollment: 1,513,677

Top Priorities within North Carolina's plan:

- Academic recovery in reading and math
- Addressing the social emotional health and well-being of children throughout the state

Highlights of North Carolina's Plan:

- **Returning to In Person Learning in 2021:** Public schools in North Carolina are required to offer in person learning for the 2021-2022 school year.
- **Addressing the Academic Impact of Lost Instructional Time:** The North Carolina Department of Public Instruction (NCDPI) will consider specific evidence-based interventions, including \$30,000,000 for high-impact tutoring statewide, \$19,000,000 for a competency-based assessment and platform to be used across the state, and \$35,000,000 for a competitive grant program for school extensions.
- **Investing in Expanded Afterschool Programs:** NCDPI has proposed allocating ARP ESSER funds to support extended learning recovery afterschool enrichment.
- **Staffing to Support Students' Needs:** The Office of Learning Recovery and Acceleration is working with health care professionals to improve health and educational outcomes for children in North Carolina. The team is currently working to expand an existing model that provides elementary schools with access to pediatricians via telehealth technologies. Early indications show this telehealth option reduces barriers to care for students resulting in improved health outcomes for children, reduced chronic absenteeism, and a decrease in the impact of health care related costs on parents or caregivers.
- **Community Engagement and Consultation:** NCDPI held stakeholder engagement sessions in July and August 2021. NCDPI received formal approval from the State Board of Education to create an ARP ESSER Advisory Group. The ARP ESSER Advisory Group will convene regularly and provide suggestions to improve implementation and further development of the ARP ESSER State Plan. Members will be appointed and will represent each of the stakeholder groups described in the ARP ESSER State Plan.

When North Carolina's LEA Use of Funds Plans will be due: September 30, 2021