

ARP-ESSER III Plan for Use of Funds

Geary Public Schools

Geary Public Schools has held meaningful consultation with stakeholders through in-person collaboration to develop a plan for the use of ARP- ESSER III funds. The following plan resulted from information gleaned during these times of consultation.

Geary Public Schools will use ESSER III funds to implement prevention and mitigation strategies that are, to the greatest extent practicable, consistent with CDC guidance on reopening schools to safely open school and conduct in-person learning. Geary Public Schools had to transition to virtual instruction at various time during the entire 2020-2021 school year. However, these instances helped to enable us to be more effective during the 2021-2022 school year. The pandemic has taught us to use our local and state health agencies as resources when making the best purchase decisions from ESSER III monies to help prevent our school being shut down during a pandemic situation.

We will reserve 20% of our ESSER III funds to address the academic impact of lost instructional time. Geary Public Schools has met with students, teachers, community stakeholders, and representatives of various groups to gain ideas on how to best spend our funds to close the instructional gap of our students. The ideas that came from our collaboration to use our \$213, 731.37 include updated textbooks with technology components, continuing a credit recovery program for high school students. Enhanced after school and summer tutoring, curriculum training and support for teachers. Summer camps using evidence-based interventions. Camps will possibly include, but not be limited to, ACT Prep, STEM/Engineering camp, science camp, writing workshop camps, and reading camps that could include book clubs. These ideas will continue to grow and improve during the use of our ESSER III funds availability.

Geary Public Schools will spend its remaining ARP ESSER III funds consistent with the uses authorized in section 2001(e)(2) of the ARP Act. Our remaining amount, after reserving 20% for academic loss, is \$854,925.50. Geary Public Schools will follow all spending guidelines put forth by the State Department of Education. Ideas include, but are not limited to, the following:

Instruction

Salaries

Attendance and Social Work Services

Guidance Services

Psychological Services

Homelessness

Curriculum

Staff Training/Professional Development

Library Media Services
Student Assessment
Legal Services related to Covid-19
Technology
Community Relation Services
Recruitment and Placement Services
Administrative Technology Services
Operation and Improvement of Buildings
Care and Upkeep of Grounds
Care and Upkeep of Equipment
Security
Safety
Transportation Needs
Vehicle Servicing and Maintenance
Child Nutrition

Geary Public Schools will ensure that the interventions it implements, including but not limited to those implemented under section 2001(e)(1) will respond to the academic, social, emotional and mental health needs of students, and particularly those students disproportionately impacted by COVID-19, including students from low-income families, students of color, and English learners, children with disabilities, students experiencing homelessness, children in foster care and migratory students. Geary Public Schools will provide motivating speakers to staff and students, provide leadership opportunities for high school age students, and begin summer enrichment programs to meet the diverse needs of specialized groups. More ideas will be put in place as extended collaboration is held with stakeholders of Geary Public Schools.