ARGYLE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT ESSER III Plan

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The American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act was passed on March 11, 2021 and provided \$122.7 billion in supplemental Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) funding, known as the ESSER III fund. These funds are designed to support schools in safely reopening and sustaining safe operations while meeting the academic, social, and emotional needs of students resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic. This includes using allocated monies to help fully reopen schools, accelerate learning, and mitigate learning loss. Local Education Agencies (LEA) are to prioritize spending on non-recurring expenses in the following areas:

- Safely returning students to in-person instruction;
- Maximizing in-person instruction time;
- Operating schools and meeting the needs of students;
- Purchasing educational technology;
- Addressing the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on students;
- Implementing evidence-based strategies to meet students' social, emotional, mental health, and academic needs;
- Offering evidence-based summer, afterschool, and other extended learning and enrichment programs; and
- Supporting early childhood education.

The ARP Act allows the LEA broad discretion in determining those needs and encourages building long-term systems of support to modernize ad sustain improvements. ESSER III funds are available until September 30, 2024 and may be used for allowable expenses dating back to March 13, 2020.

The ESSER III legislation has identified specific categories that LEAs must align spending.

Category	Allowable Expenditures
Educational Services	 Addressing learning loss or accelerating progress to close learning gaps Activities to address the unique needs of low-income children or students, children with
	disabilities, English learners, racial and ethnic minorities, students experiencing homelessness, and foster care youth
	Professional Development
	Technology Services/Programming

	All ESEA Authorized programs		
Coordination	Coordination of preparedness and response efforts		
	Community Engagement		
	Comprehensive planning and redesign		
	Activities to address underserved population		
Procedures	Systems to improve response		
	Planning and development		
	Data systems		
	Strategies for public health		
	Continuity of Services		
Procurement	• Sanitization		
	Long-term closure care		
	Technology, Learning and Enrichment		
	• Learning Loss		
	• Facility repairs		
	A/C Inspections and Upgrades		

The table below outlines the activities that the district is looking to fund through the ARP allocation.

The district is prioritizing spending for non-recurring expenses and using ARP funds to supplement the local investment. The district's plan is focused on learning loss activities and for those non-recurring costs associated with reopening schools in Fall 2021.

	SCHOOL YEAR				
	2021-2022	2022-2023	2023-2024	2024-2025	
Educational	• K-12 Summer	• K-12 Summer	K-12 Summer	K-12 Summer	
Services	School	School	School	School	
	Programming	Programming	Programming	Programming	
	 Jr/Sr High School 				
	Credit Recovery	Credit Recovery	Credit Recovery	Credit Recovery	
	Opportunities	Opportunities	Opportunities	Opportunities	

	 Curriculum Development and Improvement Supporting an additional clinician for Northern Rivers Professional Development Opportunities Afterschool enrichment and assistance Adding/enhancing instructional and support positions (examples include, but are not limited to elementary teacher, reading teacher, school counselor, permeant substitute teacher, maintenance/bus driver) 	 Curriculum Development and Improvement Supporting an additional clinician for Northern Rivers Professional Development Opportunities Afterschool enrichment and assistance Supplement instructional and support positions 	 Curriculum Development and Improvement Supporting an additional clinician for Northern Rivers Professional Development Opportunities Afterschool (10th period) enrichment and assistance Supplement instructional and support positions 	Curriculum Development and Improvement
Procurement	 Classroom technology Teacher instructional technology 	 Classroom technology Teacher instructional technology 	 Classroom technology Teacher instructional technology 	 Classroom technology Teacher instructional technology