



# Wilmington School District 209U



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## ARP-ESSER III Funds Plan

### Overview

Under the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief III ARP Fund (ESSER III), the Department awards grants to State educational agencies (SEAs) for the purpose of providing local educational agencies (LEAs), including charter schools that are LEAs, with emergency relief funds to address the impact that Novel Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) has had, and continues to have, on elementary and secondary schools across the nation. LEAs must provide services to students and teachers in public schools as required under the American Rescue Plan Act.

### Wilmington Allotment

The Wilmington School District has received an ESSER III allotment from the Illinois State Board of Education of 1,724,226. The funds may be utilized through September 30, 2024.

### Required Use of Funds

ARP-ESSER III funds must be used to implement prevention and mitigation strategies that are, to the greatest extent practicable, in line with the most recent CDC guidance, in order to continuously and safely operate schools for in-person learning. No less than 20 percent of the Wilmington School District's total allocation of ARP ESSER funds will be used to address the academic impact of lost instructional time during the pandemic on the following items:

- Provide summer school programs for students that have experienced learning loss over the past year for students in grades K through 12.
- Hire an additional Kindergarten teacher to keep class sizes low so teachers can provide more individualized instruction for all students.
- Purchase assessment programs to gather instructional data to help teachers and administrators understand the learning needs of all students.
- Funds will be used to retain staff members so we can continue to implement intense interventions for students and keep class sizes low to allow for more individualized instruction in all classrooms.
- Professional development will be offered to teachers and administrators in the areas of reading, math, writing, and social and emotional learning.
- Purchase Chromebooks to expand our 1 to 1 technology initiative throughout the district and use them for the possibility of additional remote learning experiences if necessary.

ARP-ESSER III funds may also be used to repair and upgrade projects to improve air quality in school buildings. The Wilmington School District will use the remaining portion of these funds on the following projects:

- Update and replace the original (1970) HVAC units at L.J. Stevens Intermediate School to improve the ventilation and air quality within the building.
- Remove the moisture problem in the crawl space/tunnel system at our middle school. Funds will be used to reseal and tuck-point this area of the building. This project must be completed to eliminate the potential risk of mold and poor air quality issues within the school building.