

Rabun County Schools-American Recovery Plan (ARP) ESSER III

Use of Funds Plan

On March 11, 2021, the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act was signed into law. Included in this bill is \$122 billion for the ARP Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ARP ESSER) Fund. Funds are provided to state educational agencies for the purpose of safely opening and sustaining safe operations in schools as well as to address the impact of the pandemic on students.

Rabun County Schools has been allocated 4.3 million dollars in ARP funding. We plan to use these funds in the following ways:

Federal and State Requirements	Rabun County Schools
How will funds will be used to comply with CDC recommended mitigation strategies to reopen schools and maintain their safe operating status?	Funds will be used to purchase ppe, technology to reinforce our one-to-one technology initiative, and additional teachers will allow teachers to maintain to meet needs in the classroom.
How will the district will use the mandatory 20 percent set-aside to address learning loss through evidence-based extended school day or school year programs, afterschool programs, summer Programs, or serving at-risk students?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">-Summer school for grades PK-12-Addition of teachers to serve students for additional support-Addition of a counselor to work with students on socio-emotional and mental health needs
How will the district will spend its remaining ARP ESSER allocation in compliance with the law?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">-School supplies-PPE supplies and cleaning materials-Technology equipment-Kitchen equipment for preparation of student meals-Substitute teachers
How will the district will target its evidence-based interventions to students who are underserved or were most significantly affected by COVID-19?	While our students have made progress in closing the learning gap that we've identified through a variety of data sources, a gap does still exist for a percentage of our students. Students will be selected for interventions based on MAP scores, Milestones scores, ACCESS scores, and teacher made assessments and recommendations.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact: Amy Pruitt, Director of Federal Programs, at 706-212-4350.