

## **LEA Plan for Use of ARP ESSER Funds**

Under the interim final requirements, each LEA that receives ARP ESSER funds must develop a plan for its use of ARP ESSER funds and submit it to the SEA within a reasonable timeline determined by the SEA.

The plan must contain, at a minimum, the extent to which and how the funds will be used to implement prevention and mitigation strategies that are, to the extent practicable, consistent with CDC guidance; how the LEA will use the funds it reserves under section 2001(e)(1) of the ARP Act to address the academic impact of lost instructional time; how the LEA will use its remaining ARP ESSER funds; and how the LEA will ensure the interventions it implements will respond to the social, emotional, mental health, and academic needs of all students and particularly those students disproportionately impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

In developing its plan, an LEA must engage in meaningful consultation with stakeholders including students; families; school and district administrators (including special education administrators); and teachers, principals, school leaders, other educators, school staff, and their unions.

An LEA must also engage in meaningful consultation with each of the following to the extent present in or served by the LEA: Tribes; civil rights organizations (including disability rights organizations); and stakeholders representing the interests of children with disabilities, English learners, children experiencing homelessness, children and youth in foster care, migratory students, children who are incarcerated, and other underserved students.

An LEA should translate relevant materials and obtain the services of interpreters, as needed, to engage its English learners and families with limited English proficiency.

An LEA must provide the public the opportunity to provide input on the development of the plan, take such input into account, and post the LEA ARP ESSER plan on its website.

The interim final requirements, which contain information on the LEA plan, can be accessed at: <https://www.federalregister.gov/public-inspection/2021-08359/american-rescue-plan-act-elementary-and-secondary-school-emergency-relief-fund>