



**Ferris Independent School District  
American Rescue Plan Act  
Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund  
(ARP ESSER III)  
Use of Funds Plan  
Initial Plan June 21, 2021  
Revised Plan July 14, 2022**

In March 2021, the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Plan (ESSER III) was signed into law. ESSER III provides \$122 billion to state and local education agencies to help safely reopen and sustain the safe operation of schools and address the impacts of the coronavirus disease 2019 ("COVID-19") pandemic on the Nation's students by addressing students' academic, social, emotional, and mental health needs.

On June 21, 2021, Ferris ISD applied for and receive a total ESSER III allocation of \$3,818,373.00. These funds are supplemental and will be used to address the impact COVID-19 has had, and continues to have, on our elementary and secondary schools. Ferris ISD is required by law to set aside 20% of the total allocation to address learning loss. This 20% amounts to \$763,675.00, which will be utilized to address students' loss of learning during the pandemic.

As part of the application process, Ferris ISD solicited stakeholder input through a survey (available online and on paper), request for public comment, and opportunity for discussion before the Ferris ISD Board of Trustees. Any feedback or input received from local stakeholders was considered in the development of the District's ESSER III Use of Funds Plan.

As required by law, this plan will be reviewed at least every six months and adjustments will be made when necessary.

Adjustments to the budget for the 2022-2023 & 2023-2024 school years have been made to reflect actual expenditures from year 1 and to reflect changes in staff and student enrollments.

## **ESSER III Expenditures by School Year:**

### **Pre-Award and 2021-2022**

- 1. Addressing Learning Loss through Summer Learning (June 2021)**
  - Summer School salaries: \$220,000
  
- 2. Addressing Learning Loss through Academic Intervention**
  - 7 additional Teacher/Interventionists \$441,000
  - 2 additional Learning Specialists 150,000  
(Special Education and Emergent Bilingual)
  - Additional staff for accountability and research support 122,000
  - Additional special education paraprofessional support 20,000
  - Consultant to assist with high-quality lesson planning 17,650
  - Extra duty pay for tutoring outside school day 53,500
  - Spanish library books for each campus 10,000
  - Consultant to assist with alignment of dual-language language arts programs in English and Spanish with non-dual-language programs 7,500
  
- 3. Addressing Students' Social, Emotional, and Mental Health Needs**
  - 1 additional counselor \$ 70,000
  - Move ½-time district social worker to full-time 57,000
  - Professional development for counselors on addressing social/emotional health of students 2,000
  
- 4. Addressing Learning Loss through Technology**
  - Computer monitoring software \$25,000
  
- 5. Additional Expenses**
  - General supplies and materials \$101,458

**2022-2023**

**1. Addressing Learning Loss through Summer Learning (June 2022)**

- Summer School salaries: \$220,000

**2. Addressing Learning Loss through Academic Intervention**

- 7 additional Teacher/Interventionists \$441,000
- 2 additional Learning Specialists 150,000  
(Special Education and Emergent Bilingual)
- Additional special education paraprofessional support 20,000
- Extra duty pay for tutoring outside school day 50,000
- Consultant to assist with alignment of dual-language 7,500  
language arts programs in English and Spanish with  
non-dual-language programs

**3. Addressing Students' Social, Emotional, and Mental Health Needs**

- Continued - additional counselor \$ 85,000
- Continued - full-time district social worker 60,000
- Professional development for counselors on 2,000  
addressing social/emotional health of students

**4. Addressing Learning Loss through Technology**

- Computer monitoring software \$25,000

**5. Additional Expenses**

- General supplies and materials \$101,458

**2023-2024**

**1. Addressing Learning Loss through Summer Learning (June 2023)**

- Summer School salaries: \$220,000

**2. Addressing Learning Loss through Academic Intervention**

- 7 additional Teacher/Interventionists \$441,000
- 2 additional Learning Specialists 150,000  
(Special Education and Emergent Bilingual)
- Additional special education paraprofessional support 20,000
- Extra duty pay for tutoring outside school day 50,000

**3. Addressing Students' Social, Emotional, and Mental Health Needs**

- Continued - additional counselor \$ 70,000
- Continued - full-time district social worker 60,000
- Professional development for counselors on addressing social/emotional health of students 2,000

**4. Addressing Learning Loss through Technology**

- Computer monitoring software \$25,000

**5. Additional Expenses**

- General supplies and materials \$101,458

**Summary of Planned Expenditures**

<u>School Year</u>	<u>Allocated</u>
2021-2022	\$1,297,108
2022-2023	1,161,958
<u>2023-2024</u>	<u>1,139,458</u>
Allocated	\$3,598,524

Remaining                                 \$ 219,849

**Required 20% set-aside for learning loss:                                 \$ 763,675**  
**Ferris ISD current set-aside for learning loss:                                 \$2,863,000 (75%)**