




Middletown Township Public Schools

American Rescue Plan - Elementary and Secondary School Emergency
Relief
Plan for Use of Funds
October 25, 2021



Project Period and Allocations

The Middletown Township Public Schools' total American Rescue Plan (ARP) - Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) award is \$4,953,723. The ARP-ESSER funding is allocated as follows:

ESSER (III)	\$4,041,675
Accelerated Learning Coaching and Educator Support	763,006
Evidence-Based Summer Learning and Enrichment Activities	52,021
Evidence-Based Comprehensive Beyond the School Day Activities	52,021
NJTSS Mental Health Support Staffing	45,000
Total	<u>\$4,953,723</u>

The project period for the ARP-ESSER award is 3/11/2021-9/30/2024.

ESSER III - \$4,041,675

There are several categories of allowable uses of ARP-ESSER funds. These categories include:

- School facility repairs and improvements to enable operation of schools to reduce risk of virus transmission and exposure to environmental health hazards, and to support student health needs.
- Inspection, testing, maintenance, repair, replacement, and upgrade projects to improve the indoor air quality in school facilities, including mechanical and non-mechanical heating, ventilation, and air conditioning systems, filtering, purification and other air cleaning, fans, control systems, and window and door repair and replacement.
- Middletown's Planned Uses:
 - The Facilities and Finance Committee is currently working with the district administration and consulting with the district's professionals to identify the specific high-priority projects from the Long Range Facilities Plan (LRFP) for which this funding will be utilized.

Accelerated Learning Coaching and Educator Support Grant - \$763,006

- Accelerated Learning Coaching and Educator Support Grant: New Jersey allocated \$135.1 million in grants to LEAs to provide professional learning for educators and other school staff in skills and topics that will empower them to better meet the needs of their students. Each LEA received a minimum allocation of \$50,000.
- Middletown's Planned Uses:
 - Introduce ESS (Effective School Solutions) at the elementary level (2 years) to provide student/family mental health services and behavior support.
 - Provide Supplemental Instruction for students quarantined due to COVID-19 contact tracing (1 year)
 - Staff stipends to support school Learning Design Teams data analysis and program planning to address individual academic needs of students and staff professional development (1 year)
 - Staff stipends to develop Gr 6-12 English and Mathematics Common Unit Assessments
 - Introduce a School Health Coordinator who would support all students/staff in maintaining a healthy and safe learning environment (1 year)

Evidence-Based Summer Learning and Enrichment Activities Grant - \$52,021

- **Evidence-Based Summer Learning and Enrichment Activities Grant:** Building on the progress of the ESSER II Learning Acceleration grant, this grant, totaling about \$27.7 million, is designed to support research-based summer activities that reinforce the broader learning ecosystem of students, staff, and families. Each LEA received a minimum allocation of \$40,000.
- **Middletown's Planned Uses:**
 - Summer Instrumental Music Camps
 - E-Sports Camps

Evidence-Based Comprehensive Beyond the School Day Activities Grant - \$52,021

- **Evidence-Based Comprehensive Beyond the School Day Activities Grant:** Building on the progress of the ESSER II Learning Acceleration Grant, the \$27.7 million for this grant is intended to provide resources for research-based academic enrichment activities during out-of-school time (e.g. before-school, after-school, weekends, and holiday breaks). Each LEA received a minimum allocation of \$40,000.
- Middletown's Planned Uses:
 - After School Mentoring Program (Middle School)
 - After School Extended Day Program (Elementary)

New Jersey Tiered System of Supports (NJTSS) Mental Health Support Staffing Grant - \$45,000

- **New Jersey Tiered System of Supports (NJTSS) Mental Health Support Staffing Grant:** Finally, New Jersey directed \$48 million to NJTSS Mental Health Support Staffing Grants to LEAs to aid in the development and implementation of Tier II (targeted, small group interventions) and Tier III (intensive interventions) services in accordance with a multi-tiered systems of support framework that addresses students' and educators' mental health and social emotional needs. Each LEA received the minimum allocation of \$45,000.
- **Middletown's Planned Uses:**
 - The creation of a stipend position for an After School Restorative Practice Counselor / Conference Facilitator. The purpose of this position would be to provide students with an opportunity to meet with a counselor one on one or in groups after school to discuss disciplinary infractions in a constructive and respectful manner while infusing restorative practices.