

# WHITNEY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

P.O. Box 518

Whitney, Texas 76692

(254) 694-2254 Fax (254) 694-4001

**John McCullough**  
Superintendent

Amy Leech – High School Principal  
Layna Philipp – Intermediate Principal  
Bob Kruse – DAEP Principal  
Laura Hunt – Director of Curriculum  
David Haynes – Athletic Director  
Kristy Smith – Technology Director



**Melody Haley**  
Assistant Superintendent

Kendra Hensley – Middle School Principal  
Amber Seely – Elementary Principal  
Melissa Marbut – Director of Accountability  
Russell Gauer – Director of Operations  
Jeanne Thompson – District Nurse  
Judy Bailey – Director of Food Service

The ARP ESSER III grant program is authorized in the [American Rescue Plan Act \(ARP\)](#), signed into law in March 2021.

The period of availability for ARP ESSER III grant funds is from March 13, 2020 (with pre-award), to September 30, 2024 (with carryover).

These one-time funds are intended to support a comprehensive learning recovery effort in Texas over the next three years.

The stimulus funds may only be spent on the following:

1. Address COVID-related learning loss
2. Accelerate learning
3. Support the mental health needs of our students
4. Address other barriers to learning (e.g. meals, technology, etc.)
5. Address other health and safety concerns

Whitney ISD ensures that the interventions to be implemented will respond to the academic, social, emotional, and mental health needs of all students, particularly those students disproportionately impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, including students from low-income families, students of color, English language learners, children with disabilities, students experiencing homelessness, children in foster care, and migratory students.

Whitney ISD has had ongoing collaboration and engagement with all required stakeholders in the process of developing the following plans in order to provide a safe learning environment and a continuity of services as well as to address how ARP ESSER III funds will be used to make the most impact for our students. Examples of this stakeholder involvement in the development of these plans include:

[Survey Results](#)

[Additional Stakeholder information](#)

All plans are subject to change based on regulations by the Texas Education Agency and the Office of the Governor of Texas. Parents and other stakeholders in our school community will be notified if changes are necessary. Whitney ISD will continue to seek stakeholder input and update our continuity of services plan every 6 months through September 2023.