

ESSER III Funding Update



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ESSER III

Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) III Funds

<https://www.fwisd.org/esser>

The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act was enacted on March 27, 2020, and included Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) III Funds for K-12 schools.

The Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services Plan, six-month plan review and stakeholder input is not required after September 30, 2023.

ESSER III Categories

Supported Teachers	Build Teacher Capacity
	Add Instructional Support Staff
Rigorous Instructional Materials	Adopt High-Quality Instructional Materials
Create More Time for Learning	Summer Learning
	Extended Instructional Time
	High-Dosage Tutoring
	Acceleration Academies
Empower Parents	Family Engagement
	Provide Wraparound Services
Other Priorities	Virtual/Hybrid/Blended Instruction and Connectivity
	Facilities and Infrastructure

FOCUS ON ACADEMIC RETURN ON INVESTMENT (A-ROI)

Fort Worth ISD and District Management Group A-ROI Partnership Goals:

- Consult on the creation and alignment of districtwide systems/processes that helps manage ESSER III funds.
- Understand the impact and cost of ESSER III funded initiatives.

Phase I	Phase II	Phase III
June – August 2022	August – December 2022	January – June 2023
Budgeting Diagnostic and Key Takeaways on ESSER Funded Initiatives	Conduct Initiatives Inventory on ESSER Funded Initiatives	A-ROI Analysis of Selected ESSER Funded Initiatives



District Strategic Budgeting and A-ROI



Budget Process Refinement

- Review current budget process to improve alignment across district
- Refine FWISD strategic budgeting and A-ROI process
- Provide professional learning options for district leaders and staff

Initiative Inventory Update

- Develop a preliminary inventory inclusive of all district-wide initiatives
- Review and refine the inventory, filling any gaps in prioritized initiative data
- Finalize the inventory for SY23-24

Strategic Budgeting Playbook

- Develop customized materials for a strategic budgeting playbook
- Review and refine the playbook with key FWISD stakeholders and leaders

A-ROI Institute

- Identify 3 initiatives to review during the DMGroup A-ROI Institute
- Assemble teams for each initiative
- Convene A-ROI Institute sessions and coaching calls to evaluate initiatives

Implementation Support

- Support with implementation of the strategic budgeting playbook via coaching, facilitation, and thought partnership
- Create a repository of resources and materials related to strategic budgeting
- Provide professional learning options, as needed

NEXT STEPS

Final report of use and impact of ARP ESSER III funding in FWISD

- Project wrap up, including challenges, lessons learned, budget status and deliverables impact on the district
- Continuing initiatives measures of success and expectations
- New initiatives and AROI/Academic impact evaluation process to ensure continuing alignment and sustainability



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