



Grand Island Central Schools

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2021-22 School Year Plan for American Rescue Plan (ARP) Funds

Our plans for non-recurring expenses in the area of maximizing in-person instruction time.
• Using the Federal funds to hire part time academic intervention specialists as well as part time social workers or mental health counselors. • Using the Federal funds to support before school and after school remedial and/or enrichment activities. • Using the Federal funds to purchase supplies such as portable air conditioning units to assist with summer academic camps and summer school.
Our plans for non-recurring expenses in the area of operating schools and meeting the needs of students.
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Our plans for non-recurring expenses in the area of purchasing educational technology.
• Using the Federal funds to possibly secure Kajeet devices that provide district mobile devices access to Wi-Fi when a child is home participating in school based activities. • Using the Federal funds to possibly update Wi-Fi switches that will update and enhance in-person and distance teaching and learning.

Our plans for non-recurring expenses in the area of addressing the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on students, including the impacts of interrupted instruction and learning loss and the impacts on low-income students, children with disabilities, English language learners, and students experiencing homelessness.

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- Using the Federal funds to support before school and after school remedial and/or enrichment activities.
- Using the Federal funds to purchase supplies such as portable air conditioning units to assist with summer academic camps and summer school.
- Using the Federal funds to hire summer school instructors and/or summer academic camp instructors/counselors for students with special needs.
- Using the Federal funds to hire summer school instructors and/or summer academic camp instructors/counselors for students who are learning English as a second language.
- Using the Federal funds to hire summer school instructors and/or summer academic camp instructors/counselors for students who come from poverty and need academic instructional support.

Our plans for non-recurring expenses in the area of implementing evidence-based strategies to meet students' social, emotional, mental health, and academic needs.

- Our Social Workers and Counselors are developing evidence-based social skills enrichment activities for targeted students over the summer. These activities will focus on grounding strategies, coping skill development, mindfulness and cognitive behavioral therapeutic intervention as needed.
- Our mental health specialists will use components of solution focused therapy, which is a short-term goal-focused approach designed to incorporate positive psychological principles and practices. These practices enable students to change by constructing solutions rather than focusing on problems.
- Our part time academic intervention specialists will be certified in specific areas that will allow for direct instruction, which is grounded in best practice.

Our plans for non-recurring expenses in the area of offering evidence-based summer, afterschool, and other extended learning and enrichment programs.

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Our plans for non-recurring expenses in the area of supporting early childhood education.

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- Using the Federal funds to hire part time academic intervention specialists as well as part time social workers or mental health counselors.
- Using the Federal funds to support before school and after school remedial and/or enrichment activities.

The following programs will continue beyond the availability of federal funds and we will use the following local funds in order to minimize disruption to core academic and other school programs.

- Local funds consist of NYS AID as well as revenue generated through local property tax levy.
- Summer academic intervention at the middle school as well as traditional high school summer school will continue being provided to our students in the years to come.
- Evidenced based practices designed for our students who need social, emotional or social skill strategies will continue as needed into the future.