

Elwood UFSD

American Rescue Plan (ARP)

July 1, 2021 - September 30, 2024



American Rescue Plan Act (ARP) Spending Plan

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American Rescue Plan Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ARP-ESSER)

On March 11, 2021, the **American Rescue Plan Act** of 2021 (H.R. 1319) was signed into **law**. The \$1.9 trillion package, is intended to combat the COVID-19 pandemic, including the public health and economic impacts. A portion of the ARP has been assigned to state education agencies for school districts.

Funds will be provided to state educational agencies and school districts to help safely reopen and sustain the safe operation of schools and **address the impact of the coronavirus pandemic on the Nation's students**.

The spending plan for Elwood School District's ARP allocation was shared with the public on June 10, 2021. The presentation was followed by a survey to the community. The presentation can be viewed [here](#).

One Time Allocation to be Expended Over a Three-Year Period

- ❖ The Federal Grants are provided to school districts one time, to be used over a three-year period.
- ❖ The grants will allow the Elwood school district to implement short-term, beneficial programs that have a direct and positive impact on student success.
- ❖ Many of these programs will not continue when the grant funds have been exhausted as they exceed the operating budget.
- ❖ One time expenses, such as investing in upgrading the white screen technology in all classrooms and the K-6 Elementary Math textbook adoption, are a good utilization of grant funds as they address important items of significant cost and will not be impacted by the end of the grant.
- ❖ We seek to maximize opportunities for students during this three year period of additional funding and many wonderful programs have been planned.

The Federal American Rescue Plan (ARP)

Elwood School District's Allocation	\$1,902,114	
80% - other allowable uses		\$1,521,691
20% - minimum for learning loss expenditures		\$ 380,423

- Each district engaged in meaningful consultation with stakeholders and give the public an opportunity to provide input on the plan.
- The Elwood School District presented the spending plan on June 10, 2021 at 7:30 pm with community input. The presentation and a survey were shared with the community on June 11, 2021.
- Funds must be utilized over a three year period, ending on September 30, 2024.
- At least 20% must address learning loss and respond to students' academic, social, and emotional needs.
- The proposed plan will be re-evaluated and updated based on the changing needs of our student population and budget expenditures in future years.

ARP Expenditure - Guidelines

- Planning and implementing activities related to **summer learning** and supplemental after-school programs;
- Ensure that interventions **respond to students' academic, social, and emotional needs** and address the disproportionate impact of COVID-19 on underrepresented student subgroups.
- **Address the needs of children** from low-income families, children with disabilities, English language learners, racial and ethnic minorities, students experiencing homelessness, and foster care youth;
- **Provide mental health services and supports**, including through the implementation of evidence based full-service community schools and the hiring of counselors;



ARP - Expenditure Guidelines (continued)

- Purchasing **educational technology (including hardware, software, connectivity, assistive technology, and adaptive equipment)** for students that aids in regular and substantive educational interaction between students and their classroom instructors, including students from low-income families and children with disabilities;
- Develop strategies and **implement public health protocols** as per policies in line with guidance from the CDC for the reopening and operation of school facilities to effectively maintain the health and safety of students, educators, and other staff.
- Prevent, prepare for, and respond to COVID-19; training and professional development on sanitizing and **minimizing the spread of infectious diseases**; supplies to sanitize and clean
- Repairing and improving school facilities to **reduce risk of virus transmission** and exposure to environmental health hazards; and improving indoor air quality;
- Planning for or implementing activities during **long-term closures**, including providing meals to eligible students and providing technology for online learning;



Elwood ARP Initiatives Summary

K-8 Summer Boost Program	SAT Prep, Verbal and Math after school program	Credit Recovery, Grades 9-12 during and after school
New Clubs for Harley and Boyd including a Literature Club	New Clubs for EMS and JGHS including STEM and Ethics Clubs	HW Clubs for all buildings, after school program
Restore Teaching Assistants in AIS Reading, Math and English as a New Language	Flat Panel Whiteboards for Every Classroom, K-12	Teaching Assistant to support K-5 1:1 Chromebooks
Elwood After-Care for Harley and Boyd for families with high economic need	Busing K-12 for Summer Boost Program and WSB Summer School	Wellness Program K-12 (K-5 Push-in Health; 6-8 Expanded KORT; 9-12 Wellness Program)

Summary of Grant Initiatives for Elwood

ARP-ESSER, CRRSA - ESSER II, CARES-GEER

Ventilator Improvements to all Existing Systems	Summer School Programs, K-8, 9-12: Staff, Busing, Air Conditioners, WSB Enrollment	Interactive Flat Panel Whiteboards for Every Classroom
Teacher Assistants for AIS/ENL/IT/Math	WSB Regional Remote School (Virtual Learners - Medical)	Credit Recovery/SAT Prep/ Career Exploration @ JGHS
Wifi Improvements @ JGHS	Textbooks for various subjects	New Math Curriculum K-6
After Care for Harley/Boyd for high needs students	Additional Clubs Districtwide (Elem Literature Clubs; Secondary STEM Clubs, Ethics Club)	Wellness Program K-12 (K-5 Push-in Health; 6-8 Expanded KORT; 9-12 Wellness Program)
Large Musical Instruments	HW Support Districtwide	Shopbot CNC Tech Program
Nearpod	Director of MST & Federal Grants	Art Electives

Public Input for the American Rescue Plan Act Use of Funds

- The use of the American Rescue Act (ESSER - ARP) funds will be reviewed with the public every six months at the Board of Education meeting.
- Public input will be sought
- Next meeting: Thursday, December 9, 2021, 7:30 pm