



ARPA-ESSER Funding Plan

The 2021-22 enacted state budget includes language requiring local education agencies, such as school districts, that receive funding from the Federal Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund allocated by the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA-ESSER), to post a plan on their website of how these funds will be spent.

New York has been allocated nearly \$9 billion in ARPA-ESSER funds, with a minimum of \$8.09 billion (90 percent) going to local education agencies, including public schools.

The Willsboro Central School District has been allocated \$301,922 from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) and \$221,275 from the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSAA- ESSER).

The CRRSAA-ESSER funding must be “obligated” by September 30, 2023 and the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) must be “obligated” by September 30, 2024.

Pursuant to applicable legislations and corresponding regulations, school districts are also required to prioritize spending expenses in the following areas:

- Safely returning students to in-person instruction;
- Operating schools and meeting the needs of students;
- Purchasing educational technology;
- Addressing the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on students;
- Implementing evidence-based strategies to meet students' social, emotional, mental health, and academic needs.

Categories & Proposed Use of Funds

1. Safely returning students to in-person instruction

- Cleaning supplies and PPE
- Additional transportation costs

2. Operating schools and meeting the needs of students

- Kitchen equipment
- File retention improvements

3. Purchasing educational technology

- Instructional technology equipment
 - Classroom computers
 - Chromebooks
 - SMART boards
 - Software upgrades

4. Addressing the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on students

- Targeted personnel
 - Network & technology support for students and staff
 - Additional intervention for K-6 to support reading and math
 - Additional ELA support for 7-12 students
 - Curriculum & data coordination
- Professional Development
 - Classroom interventions
 - Universal screening tools
- Strategic planning consultation

5. Implementing evidence-based strategies to meet students' social, emotional, mental health, and academic needs

- SEL, equity, and mental health training
- Additional mental health services