

Hazlehurst City School District ESSER Funding

ESSER Funds (Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Funds) were awarded through three separate acts: Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES), Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSA), and American Rescue Plan Act (ARP). These funds were awarded to school districts to prevent, prepare for, and respond to COVID-19.

Examples of allowable uses for the ESSER Fund include (1) purchasing supplies to sanitize and clean the facilities, (2) purchasing educational technology, (3) providing mental health services and supports, (4) planning and implementing summer learning and supplemental after-school programs, (5) addressing learning loss among students, (6) school facility repairs and improvements, (7) inspection, testing, maintenance, repair, replacement, and upgrade projects to improve the indoor air quality in school facilities. (At least 20% of ARP ESSER funds must be reserved to address learning loss through the implementation of evidence-based interventions and ensure that those interventions respond to students' social, emotional, and academic needs and address the disproportionate impact of COVID-19 on the underrepresented student subgroups.)

