

LEA ARP ESSER Plan: "A Plan for the LEA's Use of ARP ESSER Funds"

Please submit in both Excel and PDF form to ESSER@doe.nh.gov by 1/13/2023.

The American Rescue Plan Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief ("ARP ESSER") Fund, authorized under the American Rescue Plan ("ARP") Act of 2021, provides New Hampshire over \$350 million to support schools in safely reopening and sustaining safe operations of schools while meeting the academic, social, emotional, and mental health needs of students resulting from the coronavirus disease 2019 ("COVID-19") pandemic.

This mandatory template is intended to collect all federally required information from an LEA in a convenient format and to assist LEAs in meeting the federal requirement that, requirement that, an LEA shall publish an LEA ARP ESSER Plan, which is often called a "school district use of funds plan." See the Department of Education's most current guidance posted here: <https://omb.report/ocr/202201-1810-002/doc/117519100>.

For further context, please reference ARPA (<https://www.congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/house-bill/1319/text>) or the Interim Final Requirements of ARP ESSER in which the U.S. Department of Education established these requirements (<https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2021-04-22/pdf/2021-08359.pdf>).

I. General Information

- 1) School District / Charter School Name: Hill → Cell C18 Must be Input for Formulas to i
- 2) District ID Number: 247 → Autopopulates upon Selection
- 3) SAU Number: 103 → Autopopulates upon Selection
- 4) Date of Publication: 1/6/2023
- 5) Approver Name - (Superintendent / Head of School): Brian Connelly
- 6) Email & Telephone: bconnelly@sau103.org 603-934-2245

II. Transparency and Accessibility

- 1) This plan for the LEA's Use of ARP ESSER funds was published and made publicly available online at the following specific web address:

Yes - Description Required

Description:

www.sau103.org

- 2) The plan is in an understandable and uniform format (please choose one):

Yes - Description Required

Description:

Yes, we used the format provided and it is written so all constituents can access and will provide any assistance with understanding the use of funds.

- 3) The plan, to the extent practicable, is written in a language that parents can understand or, if not practicable to provide written translations to a parent with limited English proficiency, orally translated (please choose one):

Yes - Description Required

Description:

Yes, it was written so that all constituents can access and understand. We have no parents with disabilities or that are EL.

- 4) The plan, upon request by a parent who is an individual with a disability, is provided in an alternative format accessible to that parent (please choose one):

Yes - Description Required

Description:

Yes, we would provide whatever supports necessary for any parent or constituent to have access to understanding the document

III. Stakeholder Engagement

Best Practices in Implementing ARP ESSER LEA Use of Funds Plan

- 1) How the LEA provided the public the opportunity to provide input in the development of the LEA's plan for the use of ARP ESSER funds:

Yes - Description Required

Description:

We have been discussing the use of funds at public hearings and at monthly school board meetings. All community members have access to these meetings. Additionally they may send any requests to the superintendent.

- 2) How the LEA took public input into account regarding the development of the LEA's plan for the use of ARP ESSER funds (please choose one):

Yes - Description Required

Description:

The public was invited to share their ideas for how best to utilize these funds. Between parents and taxpayers input, we have decided how best to apply these funds for our school.

- 3) How the LEA engaged in meaningful consultation with specific stakeholders, including, but not limited to:

- a. Students (please choose one):

Yes - Description Required

1) Description:

Our students have decided to use a portion of these funds to create an outdoor learning space. They have drafted plans for this space in their STEAM class. Parents have been invited to every school board meeting and public hearing to accept and discussed plans for using the funds. They are also asked informally when dropping off or picking up their child. The public is invited monthly to school board meetings to provide input. They have all supported the ideas and plans to enhance our air quality and safety measures.

- i) Number of total responses: All students participated*
- ii) Uses consulted on: monthly school board meetings*
- iii) Description of feedback received: very supportive of use of funds*

Please indicate how consultation was:

2) Inclusive: Everyone was and will continue to be invited to provide input on how best to use these funds.

3) Widely advertised and available: part of monthly school board meetings and we held public hearings to accept and expend funds.

4) Ongoing: updates provided at monthly school board meetings

- b. Families (please choose one):

Yes - Description Required

1) Description:

Our students have decided to use a portion of these funds to create an outdoor learning space. They have drafted plans for this space in their STEAM class. Parents have been invited to every school board meeting and public hearing to accept and discussed plans for using the funds. They are also asked informally when dropping off or picking up their child. The public is invited monthly to school board meetings to provide input. They have all supported the ideas and plans to enhance our air quality and safety measures.

- i) Number of total responses: all parents were invited to weigh in, all of those that did were fully in support of use of funds plan*
- ii) Uses consulted on: multiple occasions*
- iii) Description of feedback received: very supportive, especially of outdoor learning space. Completely understand how improving air quality is important to the health of students.*

Please indicate how consultation was:

2) Inclusive:All families invited

3) Widely advertised and available: at monthly school board meetings and email updates

4) Ongoing: Updates shared at monthly school board meetings

c. School and district administrators, including special education administrators (please choose one):

Yes - Description Required

1) Description:

I serve as both the district and special education administrator

i) Number of total responses: Was my input

ii) Uses consulted on: From the start of the pandemic, it has been my goal to improve the air quality of our building. Additionally, creating an outdoor learning space will help to improve academic performance and keep our kids healthier.

iii) Description of feedback received: very supportive

Please indicate how consultation was:

2) Inclusive: Everyone was invited to provide input

3) Widely advertised and available: internal bi-monthly meetings

4) Ongoing: Updates provided when needed

d. Teachers, principals, school leaders, other educators, school staff, and their unions (please choose one):

Yes - Description Required

1) Description:

All staff have been part of the decision making process for using these funds. We meet bi-monthly and they have shared their ideas and we will implement them.

i) Number of total responses: all teachers were invited to share thoughts and ideas at our bi-monthly team meetings

ii) Uses consulted on: During multiple team meetings, it was discussed on how best to use these funds. Improving air quality was always at the top of the list. Creating and outdoor learning space was also very high on the list of suggestions.

iii) Description of feedback received: very supportive in plans to expend funds

Please indicate how consultation was:

2) Inclusive: At our bi-monthly meetings

3) Widely advertised and available: twice a month at team meetings

4) Ongoing: updates provided when needed

e. Tribes, if applicable (please choose one):

No

1) Description:

We do not have any tribes located within our district

i) Number of total responses: N/A

ii) Uses consulted on: N/A

iii) Description of feedback received: N/A

Please indicate how consultation was:

2) Inclusive: N/A

3) Widely advertised and available: N/A

4) Ongoing: N/A

f. Civil rights organizations, including disability rights organizations (please check one):

No

1) Description:

We do not have any organizations in our town, nor do we have any pending issues with civil rights or disabled students that would require additional funding or support.

i) Number of total responses: N/A

ii) Uses consulted on: N/A

iii) Description of feedback received: N/A

Please indicate how consultation was:

2) Inclusive: N/A

3) Widely advertised and available: N/A

4) Ongoing: N/A

- g. Stakeholders representing the interests of children with disabilities, English learners, children experiencing homelessness, children and youth in foster care, migratory students, children who are incarcerated, and other underserved students (please choose one):

No

1) Description:

Our special education teacher has been part of the decision making process from the very beginning. We do not have an ELL, homeless children or youth in foster care, or that are migratory or incarcerated.

i) Number of total responses: N/A

ii) Uses consulted on: N/A

iii) Description of feedback received: N/A

Please indicate how consultation was:

2) Inclusive: N/A

3) Widely advertised and available: N/A

4) Ongoing: N/A

- h. Community-based organizations, including partnerships to promote access to before and after-school programming (please choose one):

No

1) Description:

Other than our Boys and Girls Club program that is well established, there are no other community based oprganizations that serve our students. We promote access to before and after school activities from within our organization.

i) Number of total responses: N/A

ii) Uses consulted on: N/A

iii) Description of feedback received: N/A

Please indicate how consultation was:

2) Inclusive: N/A

3) Widely advertised and available: N/A

4) Ongoing: N/A

- i. Early childhood education providers and families, including partnerships to ensure access to and continuity of care for families with children of different ages, particularly as they transition to school (please check one):

No

1) Description:

We have our own full time preschool, serving nearly all of youngfest learners. We do not any other providers in our commuity. We are the only early childcare option in town.

i) Number of total responses: N/A

ii) Uses consulted on: N/A

iii) Description of feedback received: N/A

Please indicate how consultation was:

2) Inclusive: N/A

3) Widely advertised and available: N/A

4) Ongoing: N/A

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Information on the company										Information on the company's activities			
Company name	Company type	Company registration number	Company address	Company website	Company telephone number	Company fax number	Company email address	Company's main activity	Company's secondary activity	Company's tertiary activity	Company's primary activity	Company's secondary activity	Company's tertiary activity

Information on the company's activities

X. Authorization

**Please print and sign this page. Return a signed version with your completed packet to :*

ESSER@doe.nh.gov

1/9/2023

Approver Signature - Superintendent / Head of School

Date

Brian Connelly

Printed Name - Superintendent / Head of School

Appendix A. ARPA Statutory Excerpt

(e) USES OF FUNDS.—A local educational agency that receives funds under this section—

(1) shall reserve not less than 20 percent of such funds to address learning loss through the implementation of evidence-based interventions, such as summer learning or summer enrichment, extended day, comprehensive afterschool programs, or extended school year programs, and ensure that such interventions respond to students' academic, social, and emotional needs and address the disproportionate impact of the coronavirus on the student subgroups described in section 1111(b)(2)(B)(xi) of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20U.S.C. 6311(b)(2)(B)(xi)), students experiencing homelessness, and children and youth in foster care; and

(2) shall use the remaining funds for any of the following:

(A) Any activity authorized by the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965.

(B) Any activity authorized by the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act.

(C) Any activity authorized by the Adult Education and Family Literacy Act.

(D) Any activity authorized by the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act of 2006.

(E) Coordination of preparedness and response efforts of local educational agencies with State, local, Tribal, and territorial public health departments, and other relevant agencies, to improve coordinated responses among such entities to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus.

(F) Activities to address the unique needs of low-income children or students, children with disabilities, English learners, racial and ethnic minorities, students experiencing homelessness, and foster care youth, including how outreach and service delivery will meet the needs of each population.

(G) Developing and implementing procedures and systems to improve the preparedness and response efforts of local educational agencies.

(H) Training and professional development for staff of the local educational agency on sanitation and minimizing the spread of infectious diseases.

(I) Purchasing supplies to sanitize and clean the facilities of a local educational agency, including buildings operated by such agency.

(J) Planning for, coordinating, and implementing activities during long-term closures, including providing meals to eligible students, providing technology for online learning to all students, providing guidance for carrying out requirements under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act and ensuring other educational services can continue to be provided consistent with all Federal, State, and local requirements.

(K) Purchasing educational technology (including hardware, software, and connectivity) for students who are served by the local educational agency that aids in regular and substantive educational interaction between students and their classroom instructors, including low-income students and children with disabilities, which may include assistive technology or adaptive equipment.

(L) Providing mental health services and supports, including through the implementation of evidence-based full-service community schools.

(M) Planning and implementing activities related to summer learning and supplemental afterschool programs, including providing classroom instruction or online learning during the summer months and addressing the needs of low-income students, children with disabilities, English learners, migrant students, students experiencing homelessness, and children in foster care.

(N) Addressing learning loss among students, including low-income students, children with disabilities, English learners, racial and ethnic minorities, students experiencing homelessness, and children and youth in foster care, of the local educational agency, including by—

(i) administering and using high-quality assessments that are valid and reliable, to accurately assess students' academic progress and assist educators in meeting students' academic needs, including through differentiating instruction;

(ii) implementing evidence-based activities to meet the comprehensive needs of students;

(iii) providing information and assistance to parents and families on how they can effectively support students, including in a distance learning environment; and

(iv) tracking student attendance and improving student engagement in distance education.

(O) School facility repairs and improvements to enable operation of schools to reduce risk of virus transmission and exposure to environmental health hazards, and to support student health needs.

(P) Inspection, testing, maintenance, repair, replacement, and upgrade projects to improve the indoor air quality in school facilities, including mechanical and non-mechanical heating, ventilation, and air conditioning systems, filtering, purification and other air cleaning, fans, control systems, and window and door repair and replacement.

(Q) Developing strategies and implementing public health protocols including, to the greatest extent practicable, policies in line with guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for the reopening and operation of school facilities to effectively maintain the health and safety of students, educators, and other staff.

(R) Other activities that are necessary to maintain the operation of and continuity of services in local educational agencies and continuing to employ existing staff of the local educational agency.

Appendix B. Interim Final Requirements of ARP ESSER Excerpt

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(2) LEA ARP ESSER Plan.

(a) Each LEA that receives ARP ESSER funds must submit to the SEA, in such manner and within a reasonable timeline as determined by the SEA, a plan that contains any information reasonably required by the SEA. The plan, and any revisions to the plan submitted consistent with procedures established by the SEA, must describe—

(i) The extent to which and how the funds will be used to implement prevention and mitigation strategies that are, to the greatest extent practicable, consistent with the most recent CDC guidance on reopening schools, in order to continuously and safely open and operate schools for in-person learning;

(ii) How the LEA will use the funds it reserves under section 2001(e)(1) of the ARP Act to address the academic impact of lost instructional time through the implementation of evidence-based interventions, such as summer learning or summer enrichment, extended day, comprehensive afterschool programs, or extended school year programs;

(iii) How the LEA will spend its remaining ARP ESSER funds consistent with section 2001(e) of the ARP Act; and

(iv) How the LEA will ensure that the interventions it implements, including but not limited to the interventions under section 2001(e)(1) of the ARP Act to address the academic impact of lost instructional time, will respond to the academic, social, emotional, and mental health needs of all students, and particularly those students disproportionately impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, including students from low-income families, students of color, English learners, children with disabilities, students experiencing homelessness, children in foster care, and migratory students.

(b) In developing its ARP ESSER plan, an LEA must—

(i) Engage in meaningful consultation—

(A) With stakeholders, including: Students; families; school and district administrators (including special education administrators); and teachers, principals, school leaders, other educators, school staff, and their unions; and

(B) To the extent present in or served by the LEA: Tribes; civil rights organizations (including disability rights organizations); and stakeholders representing the interests of children with disabilities, English learners, children experiencing homelessness, children in foster care, migratory students, children who are incarcerated, and other underserved students; and

(ii) Provide the public the opportunity to provide input and take such input into account.

(c) An LEA's ARP ESSER plan must be—

(i) In an understandable and uniform format;

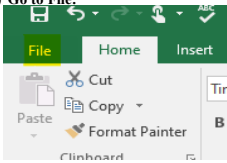
(ii) To the extent practicable, written in a language that parents can understand or, if it is not practicable to provide written translations to a parent with limited English proficiency, be orally translated for such parent;

(iii) Upon request by a parent who is an individual with a disability as defined by the ADA, provided in an alternative format accessible to that parent; and

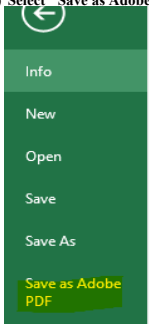
(iv) Be made publicly available on the LEA's website.

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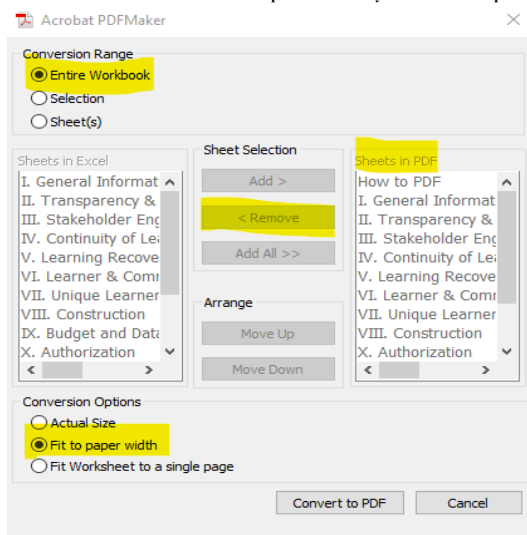
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3) Select "Entire Workbook" and "Fit to paper width." Locate the "IV. Budget and Data Reporting" tab from the list beneath "Sheets in PDF." Select "Remove." The reason is because this spreadsheet is so large, that the information will not easily transpose. The V. Authorization tab will need to be printed manually from Excel. The print range within the Excel workbook has been established for all tabs outlined.



3) Items due to the NHDOE by 01/13/2023:

- A. NH ARP ESSER LEA Fund Use - Excel Workbook
 - i Print the "V. Authorization" tab from Excel file
 - i Manually print and sign the "V. Authorization" tab from Excel file
- B. NH ARP ESSER LEA Fund Use - PDF Version
- C. Return each item listed above in one email message to ESSER@doe.nh.gov (3 separate attachments)