



Warren Township High School

American Rescue Plan - ESSER III Fund-Use Plan

This document is the planned expenditure of American Rescue Plan (ARP) Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief III (ESSER III) grant funds allocated to Warren Township High School District 121.

Overview of Grant Award

The district received \$2,435,868 from the federal government, of which 20% must be allocated to addressing learning loss resulting from interruptions to instruction during the Spring of 2020 and the entirety of the 2020-2021 School Year.

The district received an additional \$310,800 in ESSER III funds to address specific reservations to be included in the grant as required by the Illinois State Board of Education. These reservations are meant to address learning loss, summer enrichment programs (summer school), and after-school programs.

Overall Plan

The district will ensure that any student significantly impacted by the pandemic will have access to the academic and social-emotional supports they need to be successful. All students in the district will have access to programs provided under the ESSER III Grant.

The district will allocate all ESSER III funds in the areas identified as primary grant objectives by the State of Illinois. All funds will be expended to address learning loss, summer enrichment, and after-school programs.

The district consulted with multiple stakeholder groups to develop this plan, including all students and their families, school and district leaders, teachers, and school staff members.

Learning Loss

In order to address learning loss, the district will continue to implement the AIM program to support the academic skill development, and social emotional skill development of students negatively impacted by the pandemic. The AIM program will run at both the O'Plaine and Almond Campuses, and will be staffed by 8 intervention teachers and 4 social workers. Additionally, the district will implement a Restorative Justice Center, and begin utilizing a software system to ensure all students are progressing in their social emotional growth while at Warren Township High School.

AIM Intervention teachers will work with students to remediate academic skills, stay on track with current coursework, and provide additional tutoring services as necessary. AIM Social workers will work closely with students and families to support social emotional skill growth.

A Restorative Justice Center supervisor will work with students with behavioral issues to help them remain in school in lieu of suspension, the supervisor will work with students to improve social emotional skills, facilitate restorative practices between students and teachers, and support students in improving academic skill development.

The district will begin to utilize Panorama during the 2022-2023 and 2023-2024 School Years. Panorama is a software program that will help identify students with deficiencies in their social emotional growth. Student Services staff members will work with students, utilizing Panorama to remediate any deficiencies, and support the healthy social emotional development of all students enrolled at Warren Township High School.

These programs and activities will run during the 2022-2023 and 2023-2024 school year.

Expenditures for Learning Loss Grant Activities from July 2022 - August 2024:

- AIM Intervention Teachers: \$1,204,250
- AIM Social Workers: \$595,082
- Restorative Justice Center Supervisors: \$289,588
- Instructional Supplies for AIM Program: \$13,500 (\$6,750/year)
- Instructional Supplies for the Restorative Justice Center Program: \$13,500 (\$6,750/year)
- Social Emotional Learning Student Management and Intervention Software: \$80,000

Total Learning Loss Allocation: \$2,195,920

Summer Enrichment:

Summer enrichment opportunities are crucial for students who have been impacted by the pandemic. Students have fallen behind in the number of credits earned, and have lost opportunities to take courses for advancement over the past 2 summers. The district will utilize ESSER III funds to provide summer enrichment opportunities at no cost to students for the summers of 2022, 2023, and 2024. Summer enrichment opportunities include taking courses offered by the district for academic advancement as well as taking courses to remediate credits lost due to failed courses.

Expenditures for Summer Enrichment Activities from June 2022 - July 2024

- Summer school teachers: \$415,641
- Summer school nurse: \$18,474
- Summer school dean: \$24,633
- Summer school transportation: \$30,399

Total Summer Enrichment Allocation: \$489,147

After-School Programs:

The district recognizes that not all students are able to take advantage of summer enrichment opportunities, and will therefore provide after-school credit recovery opportunities during the 2022-2023 and 2023-2024 School Years. This program will run twice each week for one hour at both campuses immediately after school.

The district partners with Huntington Learning Center to provide a high-quality SAT prep option for students who are at-risk of not meeting college and career readiness benchmarks set forth by the Illinois State Board of Education. This partnership is partially funded by Federal Title I funds received by the district. For the 2022-2023 and 2023-2024 School Years, ESSER III funds will be used to fully cover the enrollment costs for students invited into this program.

Expenditures for After-School Programs from July 2022 - August 2024:

- After-School Credit Recovery: \$11,678
- Huntington SAT Prep Program: \$50,000

Total After-School Program Allocation: \$61,678