

**American Rescue Plan Act Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund  
(ARP ESSER)  
LEA Plan for Use of ARP ESSER Funds, ARP Section 2001(e)**

**District Information**

District Name	Van Buren School District
District LEA#	1705000
City	Van Buren
Superintendent Name	Dr. Harold Jeffcoat
URL access to the LEA Plan for Use of ARP ESSER Funds posted on the district website	<a href="https://www.vbsd.us/district/back-to-school-guidance">https://www.vbsd.us/district/back-to-school-guidance</a>
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**Directions:** The LEA Plan for Use of ARP ESSER Funds requires planning the full allocation. The template below will assist in the development of the district plan. Districts may select evidence-based practices (pre-filled below) included in the LEA Plan for Use of ARP ESSER Funds or add additional rows to provide the practice and evidence that will be utilized by the district. The plan may be revised by notifying the DESE and uploading the revised plans in Indistar and on the district website (please include the revision date on all documents).

- 1. Creating Safe and Healthy Learning Environments:** Determine if ARP 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 school, in order to continuously and safely open and operate schools for in-person learning. Districts may select evidence-based practices (pre-filled below) included in the LEA Plan for Use of ARP ESSER Funds or add additional rows to describe the practice and evidence that will be utilized by the district.

Program Code	Practice	Description	Projected Amount
186, 187, 188, 189, 190, 192	Systemic Procedures	Actions or systems implemented to prevent, prepare for, and respond to COVID-19.	\$11,254.00

		<p>Meeting the nutritional needs of underserved students.</p> <p>Supporting student mental health needs.</p> <p>Locating absent students and reengaging disconnected youth.</p> <p>Providing safe and inclusive learning environments.</p> <p>Providing healthy learning environments.</p>	
196, 197	Facilities	School facility repairs and improvements to enable operation of schools to reduce risk of COVID-19 transmission and exposure to environmental health hazards, and to support student health needs.	\$4,000,786.00
198	Transportation	Transportation costs to reduce the spread of COVID-19.	

2. **Addressing Lost Instructional Time or Loss of Learning:** Describe 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. The district must spend a minimum of 20% of ARP ESSER funds. The full implementation of the evidence-based interventions include the personnel, materials, equipment, professional development, and expenses needed to meet the needs of students. Other evidence based practices may be utilized if the intervention meets one of the four tiers of evidence. Evidence based practices resources may be found on page 7 of Empowering Schools for Success Using Effective Evidence Based Practices to Impact Student Outcomes. Districts may select evidence-based practices (pre-filled below) included in the LEA Plan for Use of ARP ESSER Funds or add additional rows to describe the practice and evidence that will be utilized by the district.

(Please see final allocation table)

ARP ESSER total allocation \$14,428,963.43 minimum 20%  
set-aside \$2,885,792.69

Program Code	Evidence-based interventions	Description	Projected Amount
170	Accelerating learning through instructional approaches.	In-school acceleration: Licensed educators provide needed support for students within the context of grade-level work and within the classroom; using high-quality assessments, and instruction on essential learning (effect size .60-.88, Tier 3). -High Quality Instructional Materials	
170	Accelerating learning through instructional approaches.	High Dosage Tutoring programs: High-dosage tutoring provided consistently by well-trained tutors or educators at least three days per week for at least 30 minutes at a time in groups of five or fewer students (effect size 1.29, Tier 3).	\$71,673.00
170	Accelerating learning through instructional approaches.	Out-of-school time programs (afterschool and extended instructional time): Educators target students needing additional support before, and after the regular school day, as well as on weekends and during school breaks programs, to deliver academic instruction (effect size .40-.60, Tier 3).	
170	Accelerating learning through instructional approaches.	Summer learning and enrichment: Summer learning programs, camps, community partnerships, work-based learning or community service that provide high-quality instruction and are designed to meet the social and emotional needs of students through engaging and enriching experiences (effect size .53-.58, Tier 3).	\$385,551.00
170	Supporting equitable access and effective use of technology	Educational technology: Engage family in digital learning training and effectively using technology and platforms provided by the school (effect size .50, Tier 3).	\$2,164,521.00
170	Using data about students' opportunity to learning to help target resources and support	Utilize data to understand where and how resources should be allocated to address student access to opportunity to learn (OTL) indicators (effect size .75-1.29, Tier 3).	
170	Addressing resource inequities	Ensure students have equitable access to a well-rounded education. (based on	

		sub-group data) (effect size 1.29, Tier 3) -Advanced Coursework opportunities -Inclusive Practices -Well-prepared educators -Early childhood expansion or enhancement	
170	Addressing resource inequities	Provide wrap around services for students (effect size .44-.77, Tier 3) -full service community schools	
170	Addressing resource inequities	Evidence-based practices that maximize students' social, emotional, and academic benefits. -Professional Learning Communities (Tier 2)	\$264,048.00

**2.A. Process for Monitoring Implementation:** Describe how the LEA will ensure that the interventions it implements, including but not limited to the interventions implemented under Section 2001 (e) (1) of the ARP Act to address the academic impact of lost instruction 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.

**Description:**

The Van Buren School District (VBSD) will ensure the interventions implemented under this section are available to all students if appropriate to the students' academic, social, emotional, or mental well-being. Those students who may be disproportionately impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic will be targeted to receive the supports/services offered under this section as they are the District's most vulnerable populations to be impacted by lost instruction time. A personalized intervention plan will be developed for these students based on their identified needs.

VBSD school leadership teams as well as district administration will collect and analyze data such as achievement data, discipline data, and attendance data to determine the effectiveness of the implemented supports/services for targeted students.

VBSD policy 4.11- Equal Educational Opportunity states, "No student in the Van Buren School District shall, on the grounds of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, age, or disability be excluded from participation in, or denied the benefits of, or subjected to discrimination under any educational program or activity sponsored by the District."

**2.B. Process for Evaluating Implementation:** Please describe how the LEA will evaluate the effectiveness of these interventions.

**Evaluation:**

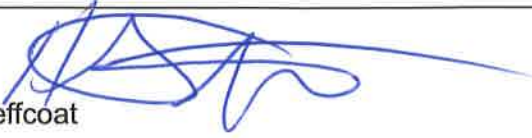
The Van Buren School District (VBSD) will evaluate the effectiveness of the interventions implemented under this section by monitoring data collected at the district, school and student levels. School level leadership teams made up of principals, counselors, teachers and support staff will monitor targeted students through the school’s Student Intervention Team process. During this process, the team will analyze multiple sources of data and make adjustments to the interventions as needed. The team will also pull in other resource staff as needed to address any identified barriers to learning such as special education personnel, literacy interventionists, outside counseling services, homeless liaison, etc.

The District level leadership team made up of the deputy and assistant superintendents, the directors of learning services, homeless liaison, foster care liaison, and director of ELL/migrant services will monitor the implementation of interventions under this section through monthly, or more frequent as needed, leadership meetings with building administrators. District administrators will review school level data making comparisons across the District and addressing any areas of concern. The District level leadership team will make adjustments to the plan as needed when evidence does not support the continuation of a specific service/program implemented under this section.

**3. Supporting Educator and Staff Stability and Well-Being:** Determine if ARP funds will be used to support educator and staff stability and well-being consistent with Section 2001 (e) (2) of the ARP Act. Districts may select evidence-based practices (pre-filled below) included in the LEA Plan for Use of ARP ESSER Funds or add additional rows to describe the practice and evidence that will be utilized by the district.

Program Code	Practice	Description	Projected Amount
185	Technology	Technology that supports learning and enables students to learn anywhere and for teachers to teach essential standards.	\$38,046.00
160, 180	Additional pay	COVID-19 related expenditures related to preventing disruptions and closures. Recruitment and retention of a diverse and qualified educator workforce.	\$5,324,829.00
191	Maintenance of Equity	Continue operations without disruption including employment, programs and addressing budget shortfalls.	\$1,410,735.00

166	Loss of Revenue	Maintain continuity of services and bridge budgetary shortfalls due to COVID-19.	\$757,521.00

Dr. Harold Jeffcoat 	August 22, 2022
<b>SUPERINTENDENT NAME (printed) and SIGNATURE</b>	<b>DATE</b>