



Public Schools of North Carolina

American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund III (ESSER III)

State Application Overview

June 17, 2021

ESSER Overview

- American Rescue Plan Act (2021) (ARP)
- 20% minimum for Addressing Learning Loss
- September 30, 2024
- 90% of funds go to PSUs that received Title I funds in 2020-21 in the same proportion of that fund source
- 10% is reserved for State Level Activities and Administration (0.5%)



ESSER Application Requirements

- The State Application outlines how the state will implement the ESSER III program
- NC has received 2/3 of the total allocation
- Upon completion of the application, NC will receive the remaining 1/3 of the allocation



ESSER Application Sections

Application Sections:

- Description of the State's current status and needs
- Safely reopening schools and sustaining their safe operations
- Planning for the use and coordination of ARP ESSER funds
- Maximizing state-level funds to support students
- Supporting LEAs in planning for and meeting students' needs
- Supporting the educator workforce
- Monitoring and measuring progress



ESSER Application Feedback

- Extended the Opportunity for Public Comment
 - <https://www.dpi.nc.gov/districts-schools/federal-program-monitoring/elementary-and-secondary-schools-emergency-relief-esser>
 - 230 comments as of 6/14



ESSER Application Feedback

- Technical Correction (<1%)
- Support (<1%)
- Question (<1%)
- Rejection of Funding (1%)
- Third Party Solicitation (1%)
- Social Emotional Learning (1.7%)
- General Commentary (6.5%)
- Critical Race Theory (88%)*



ESSER Application Next Steps

- NC will post and regularly update the number of schools providing instruction: face-to-face, hybrid, or face-to-face
- Application will be finalized for submission to the US Department of Education
- Additional feedback for the expanded state plan will be gathered





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Questions