

# American Rescue Plan (ARP) ESSER III Grant Spending

2021-2022



# ARP ESSER III ALLOCATIONS

- Main Grant: \$ 1,741,157
- Accelerated Learning Coaching and Educator Support Grant: \$50,000
- Evidence-based Summer Learning and Enrichment Activities Grant: \$40,000
- Evidence-based Comprehensive Beyond the School Day Activities Grant: \$40,000
- NJTSS Mental Health Support Staffing Grant: \$45,000

*ESSER III FUNDS  
MAY BE SPENT  
THROUGH  
SEPTEMBER 2024 -  
FOR ACCOUNTING  
PURPOSES, WE WILL  
SPEND IT BY JUNE  
2024.*

# ALLOWABLE USES:

## *MAIN GRANT*

Providing principals with resources necessary to address individual school needs.

Purchasing supplies to sanitize and clean the facilities.

Planning for and coordinating during long-term closures.

Purchasing educational technology.

School facility repairs and improvements to enable operation of schools to reduce risk of virus transmission.

Inspection, testing, maintenance, repair, replacement, and upgrade projects to improve the indoor air quality in school facilities.

Other activities that are necessary to maintain the operation of and continuity of services.



*\$1,741,157*

<https://www.nj.gov/education/esser/arp/>

*MAIN GRANT: \$1,7,41,157*

*LEARNING ACCELERATION: \$50,000*

Consistent with stakeholder feedback, we have re-assigned those funds to:

## Increase funding for summer programs

\$40,000 is the summer learning grant.

Over 90% of Burch Charter School of Excellence scholars are from low income households. According to COVID-19 research, families within this demographic has experienced the greatest academic declines. Based on our benchmark assessments over 50% of our scholars are below grade level in ELA and 65% are below grade level in Mathematics. BCSE summer enrichment program will address all the students that have demonstrated a loss.

The current summer enrichment program consists of 5 weeks intensive academic support in Mathematics, English Language Arts and Science. The program will address students in grades 1-5 that have demonstrated academic need via our multi-layered assessment program (I-Ready, NWEA MAP, DRAs and Start Strong). Integrated within the daily program, teachers will equip students with social emotional strategies through the Move This World program. Our school counselor will provide direct social, emotional and mental health support through group and individual session with scholars. Through the Parent University Academy the school counselor will provide parents with training on Move this World program to ensure students are receiving social, emotional and mental health supports at home.

*MAIN GRANT: \$1,741,157*

*LEARNING ACCELERATION: \$50,000*

Consistent with stakeholder feedback, we have re-assigned those funds to:

## Increase funding for extended day programming

● \$40,000 is in the extended learning grant. Burch Charter School of Excellence will provide after school programming through Brainiax Innovative Learning Center. Brainiax Innovative Learning Center provides interactive learning programs both online and in-person. The programs are fun and interactive and they provide learning opportunities that expand children's social skills, confidence, academic knowledge and problem-solving skills. The program will address academic, social, emotional and mental health of our scholars through enriching activities such as chess, robotics, drama, coding and more. The program will be evaluated ongoing through parent and student surveys to assess the impact and effectiveness of the programming.

This will be in addition to our Afterschool Program, which runs Monday through Thursday 4:00-5:30pm

# RECOMMENDED SPENDING:

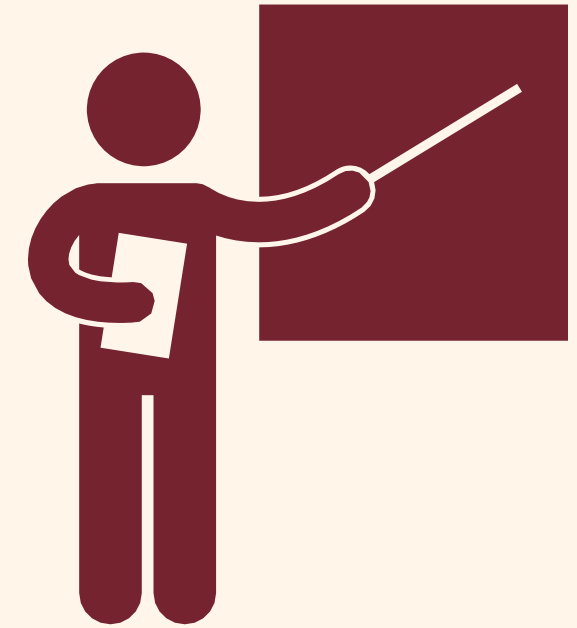
## *MAIN GRANT*

- Permanent Subs
- Purifier and Installation
- SEL Program
- PPE
- Extended day Program
- Increased Professional Development

- Foundations
- Nearpod
- Go Guardian
- Laminiators
- Document Cameras
- Additional Technology

# ALLOWABLE USES: *EDUCATOR SUPPORT*

Provide evidence-based professional learning and coaching opportunities to a variety of school staff, including educators and key support staff (e.g., school counselors, special education personnel, nurses, social workers, and psychologists) on the principles in New Jersey's Learning Acceleration Guide and on topics tailored to the unique academic as well as social, emotional, and mental health needs of their students.



*\$50,000, Additional  
funding  
FROM THE MAIN  
GRANT  
2021-2022 2022-  
2023  
2023-2024*

# EDUCATOR SUPPORT GRANT:

## *Reading Specialist*

Burch Charter School of Excellence (BCSE) used ESSER 2 Funds to hire a reading specialist in the 2021-2022 school year to support acceleration of learning and to offset the negative academic effects of the Covid-19 Pandemic. BCSE has put in place the Response-To-Intervention model in addition to support students who are below grade level in English Language Arts. The reading specialist, based on the RTI, model works in small group with Tier 2 and Tier 3 students to provide academic interventions to these struggling learners. The reading specialist works collaboratively with students' homeroom teachers and the Vice Principal of ELA / Social Studies using data-driven instruction to ensure students who need instructional support daily are being provided those supports.



# ALLOWABLE USES & RECOMMENDED SPENDING: *SUMMER LEARNING*

For supporting evidence-based academic summer activities such as learning academies and 1:1 tutoring, as well as other summer activities that support the broader learning ecosystem of students, staff, and families.

- Participation in Summer Academy for students, particularly those groups identified by achievement disparities and/or underserved learners.



*\$40,000*  
*+additional*  
*funding*  
*FROM THE*  
*MAIN GRANT*

# ALLOWABLE USES & RECOMMENDED SPENDING: *BEYOND THE SCHOOL DAY*



For supporting evidence-based academic enrichment activities during out-of-school time, such as 1:1 tutoring, as well as activities that support the broader learning ecosystem of students, staff, and families.

- *After school program/extended day programming to support student learning acceleration*

*\$40,000 +  
Additional  
funding  
FROM THE  
MAIN  
GRANT*

# ALLOWABLE USES & RECOMMENDED SPENDING: *MENTAL HEALTH*



*\$45,000*

To allocate funds to develop and implement Tier II (targeted, small group interventions) and Tier III (intensive interventions) services in accordance with a multi-tiered system of supports framework that addresses students' and educators' mental health and social emotional needs through the hiring of staff, contracting with service providers, and/or providing professional development in effective implementation of Tier II and Tier III services.

- Stipend for an additional Guidance Counselor
- Supplemental staff to address mental health needs of students and families

# FLEXIBILITY WITH ESSER III FUNDS

Even though we must submit our application by November 24, which will explain how we intend to spend each part of the grant, there is flexibility within each grant if unforeseen circumstances arise.

If we make changes beyond 10% of an assigned amount, or if we create a new expenditure that is not directly related to our original grant application, we would have to complete an amendment to that and re-submit for approval.

We may not cross funds from one subgrant to another, but we can change expenditures within a subgrant.

# THANK YOU!

