

## **Safe Return to Learn Plan and ESSER III Funds Use Plan for ROE 3 Youth Educational Services - All Sites**

This plan will be updated continually through the grant period depending on routine evaluations

### **Definition**

The ARP ESSER III The American Rescue Plan Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ARP ESSER) fund provides states and school districts help to safely reopen and sustain the safe operation of schools and address the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the nation's students.

### **Purpose**

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### **Safe Return to In-person instruction and continuity of services**

The ROE 3 Return to Learn Plan is aligned with the guidance provided by the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH), and the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE). School strategies in this plan may be removed based upon local conditions, levels of community transmission (low, moderate, substantial, and high), local vaccine coverage, and consultation with local public health officials to determine the prevention strategies needed. School officials will communicate any changes in plans to staff matters, students, and parents through the district communication platforms.

ROE #3 will maintain the health and safety of students, educators, and other staff and by following the CDC and IDPH recommendations and strategies for prevention and mitigation. These strategies will/have been implemented for the safety of all staff and students.

- Universal and correct wearing of masks for all non-vaccinated persons is recommended.
- Modified facilities to allow for physical distancing

- Increased handwashing and respiratory etiquette will be requested and encouraged
- Cleaning and maintaining healthy facilities will be done on a daily routine basis and throughout the day
- ROE 3 will work with the local health departments for contact tracing
- Diagnostic and screening testing will be encouraged
- Information on vaccinations will be provided to school communities
- ROE 3 will make appropriate accommodations for children with disabilities with respect to health and safety policies

We will ensure continuity of services, including but not limited to services to address the areas listed below:

- students' academic needs
- students' and staff social, emotional, mental health needs
- student health and food services
- other student needs.

### **Community Input in regard to ESSER 3 Funds**

Surveys will be conducted with parents, students, and staff to collect information as needed regarding COVID related issues. We will also include area school district admin teams who feed into our alternative school system.

### **Funds**

ROE #3 will engage in consultation with students, families, school administrators, teachers, and support staff.

### **Learning Loss**

ROE #3 will allocate no less than 20% of it's ESSER funds to address learning loss through the implementation of evidence-based interventions. Interventions will be based on students' academic, social, and emotional needs and address the disproportionate impact of COVID-19.

### **Additional Funds**

All activities are approvable and are listed in Section 18003(d) of the Coronavirus, Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act, Section 313(d) of the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, and Section 2001(e) of the ARP Act that an LEA may support with ESSER funds.

### **Reporting**

ARP ESSER requires enhanced reporting from ISBE and the LEA's. Reporting is required semi-annually.

ROE #3 will not only report on funds spent, but also detail how the dollars were expended on specific interventions such as:

- Learning renewal strategies
- Summer school activities
- Extended day and extended year activities
- SEL and mental health activities
- And other interventions utilized

ROE 3 will offer online and face-to-face learning options for students who are in need of additional classes or skills. We will also offer counseling and family support for those in need.

