



# ARP ESSER III



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

# What is ESSER?



The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act was enacted on March 27, 2020, and included Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) Funds for K-12 schools. These ESSER grants will provide school districts with emergency relief funds to address the impact COVID-19 has had on elementary and secondary schools.



# Grant Program Purpose



The intent and purpose of ARP of 2021, ESSER III funding is to help safely reopen and sustain the safe operation of schools and address the impact of the coronavirus pandemic on students.

- Respond to the Pandemic
- Address Student Learning Loss
- Supplemental - State may not Supplant

# TEA Program Requirements



1. The LEA must document a plan for the expenditure of ESSER III grant funds per the statutorily allowable activities and an estimated timeline of the planned expenditures.
2. The LEA must document how it determined its needs caused by COVID-19.
3. The LEA must document how it prioritized the needs in determining its use of the ESSER III grant funds.

## Other Guidelines

Provide Public Notice

Provide a Local Board Overview of Grant

Engage in Meaningful Consultation with Stakeholders

Data Collection for documentation and creation of preliminary plans

Set up a process for continuation of meaningful consultation, revision and evaluation

Post 2 plans on website (30 days after LEA receives the Notification of Grant Award (NOGA))

- Plan 1: Use of Funds Plan (LEA ARP ESSER Plan)

- Plan 2: LEA Plan for Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services

# Plan 1 - Use of Funds: Four Required Domains



Four required domains:

Health & Safety as related to  
COVID (CDC guidance)

20% set-aside to address  
the academic impact of  
lost instructional time.

LEA Expenditure Plan for  
Remainder of Funds

Interventions implemented will  
respond to academic, social,  
emotional, and mental health needs  
of all students, and particularly those  
students disproportionately  
impacted by COVID-19.



# Plan 2 - Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services



## Plan #2 - Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services



Texas schools starting point

Safe Reopening of  
Schools (procedure IF  
closure or transition to  
remote learning)

Continuity of Services

Respond to academic,  
social, emotion, and  
mental health

Evaluation of Plan &  
Meaningful Consultation

Accessible to all parents (parents of English Learners & parents with disabilities)

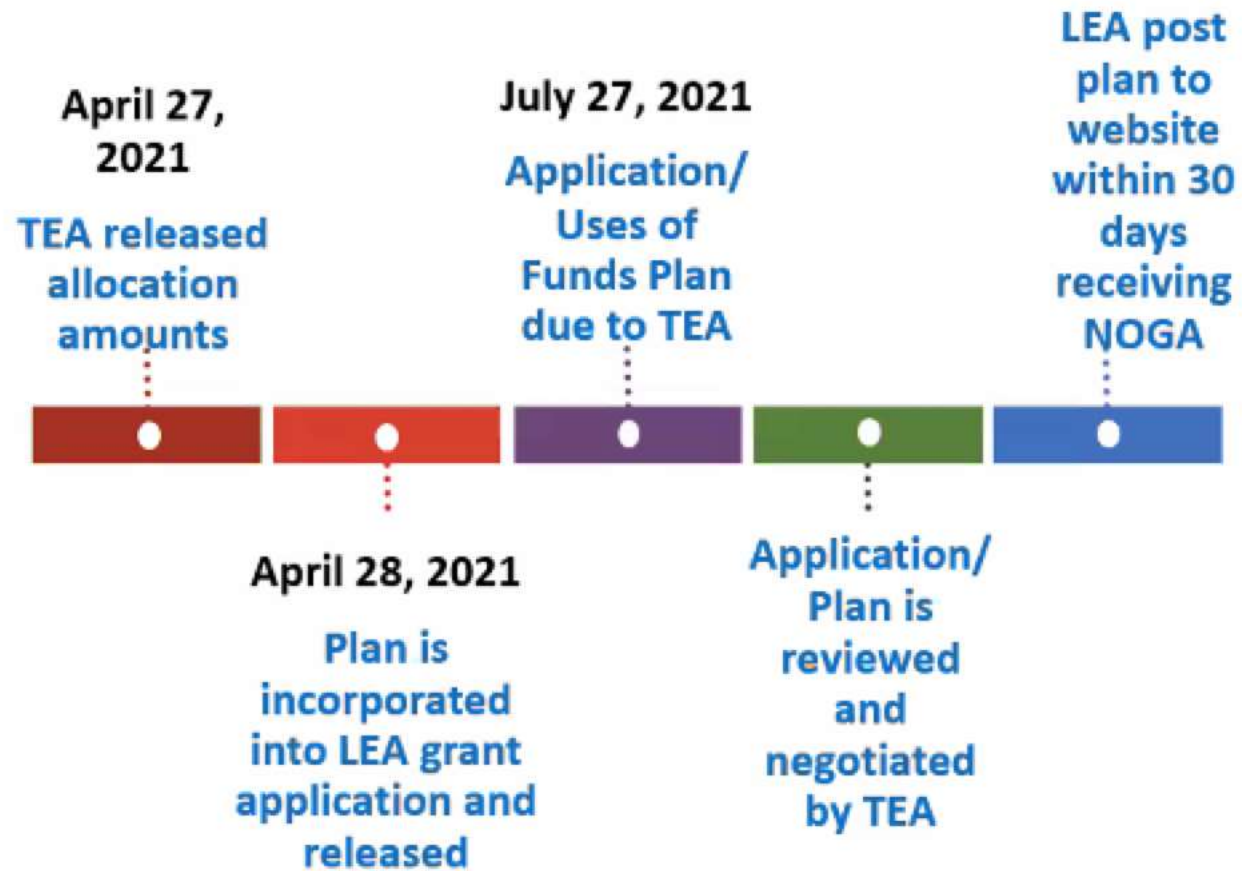
Translation implications

# Triumph Public High Schools ESSER III Funding



**Texas Education Agency  
Department of Grant Compliance and Administration  
ARP Act, Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) III Grant  
Total Allocation Amounts (Alphabetical by District)  
Fiscal Year 2021**

	County		Initial	Remaining	Total
Region	District	District Name	Allocation (two-thirds) *	Allocation (one-third) **	Allocation Amount
19	071803	TRIUMPH PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOLS-EL PASO	425,265	212,632	637,897
01	240801	TRIUMPH PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOLS-LAREDO	879,786	439,893	1,319,679
17	152803	TRIUMPH PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOLS-LUBBOCK	462,716	231,358	694,074
01	108804	TRIUMPH PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOLS-RIO GRANDE VALLEY	1,049,652	524,826	1,574,478



## Time Line





# Allowable Activities and Use of Funds



## COVID Preparedness and Prevention

- Coordination of preparedness and response efforts of LEAs with State and local public health departments
- Improve coordinated responses among such entities to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus



## Special Populations Activities

Activities to address the unique needs:

- Low-income children
- Children with disabilities
- English learners
- Racial and ethnic minorities
- Homeless/Foster Care



## Training and PD to Improve Response

- Developing and implementing procedures and systems to improve the preparedness and response efforts of LEAs;
- Training and professional development for staff of the LEA on sanitation and minimizing the spread of infectious diseases

# Allowable Activities and Use of Funds



## COVID Supplies & Sanitization

- Purchasing supplies to sanitize and clean the facilities of an LEA
- Including buildings operated by such agency



## Long Term Closure Activities

- Meals to Eligible Students
- Technology for Online Learning
- Carrying out requirements under IDEA
- Ensure other educational services can continue to be provided consistent with all Federal, State, and local requirements



## Educational Technology

- Purchasing educational technology (hardware, software, and connectivity) for students ... that aids in regular/substantive educational interaction between students and instructors,



# Allowable Activities and Use of Funds



## Mental Health Supports

- Providing mental health services and supports
- Mental Health Supports through implementation of evidence based full-service community schools



## Summer Learning & Afterschool Program

- Providing classroom instruction or online learning during summer months
- Supplemental afterschool programs



## Learning Loss

- High Quality Assessments
- Implementing evidence based activities
- Providing assistance to families
- Tracking Attendance and improving student engagement



# Allowable Activities and Use of Funds



## Facility Repairs Reduce Virus Risk

- Enable operations of schools to reduce virus transmission
- Improvements to support student health needs



## Indoor Air Quality Improvements

- Mechanical and non-mechanical heating, ventilation, and air conditioning systems
- Filtering purification and other air cleaning, fans, control systems
- Window and door repair and replacement



## Maintaining LEA Services

- Maintain the operation of and continuity of services in the LEA
- Continuing to employ existing staff of the LEA
- Field Trips

# Un-Allowable Activities and Use of Funds



## Debt Service

- Debt Service (Lease-Purchase)



## Hosting Conferences

- Hosting Conferences
- Sponsoring Conferences



## Other

- Subsidizing executive salaries who are not employees of the LEA
- Bonuses, Merit Pay or similar, unless specifically related to disruptions or closures resulting from COVID-19



# Required Stakeholder Groups



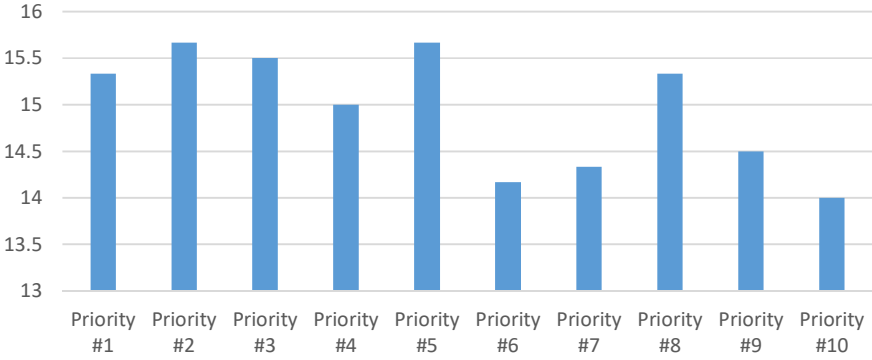
- Students
- Families
- Parents
- Administrators
- Teachers
- Principals
- Staff
- Board Members
- Surveys English/Spanish
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**TRIUMPH PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOLS**  
**American Rescue Plan ESSER III**  
**Grant Period: 2021-2023 Carryover Period: 2023-2024**

**DISTRICT: EL PASO**

El Paso ESSER III Survey Priority Averages

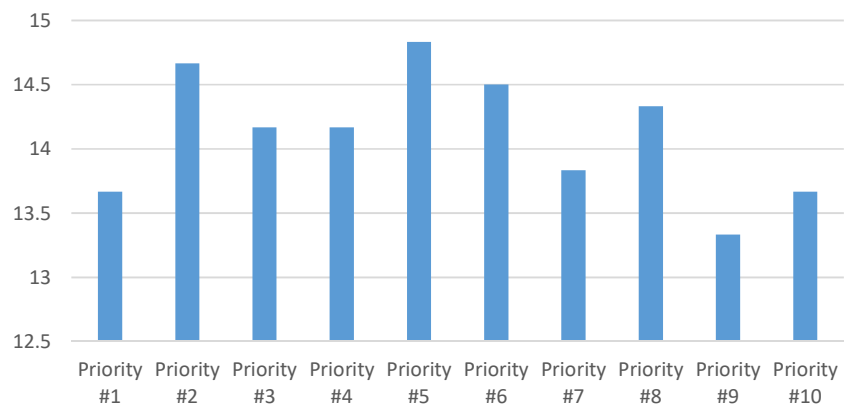


Average:	
Priority #1	15.3
Priority #2	15.7
Priority #3	15.5
Priority #4	15.0
Priority #5	15.7
Priority #6	14.2
Priority #7	14.3
Priority #8	15.3
Priority #9	14.5
Priority #10	14.0

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**DISTRICT: LAREDO**

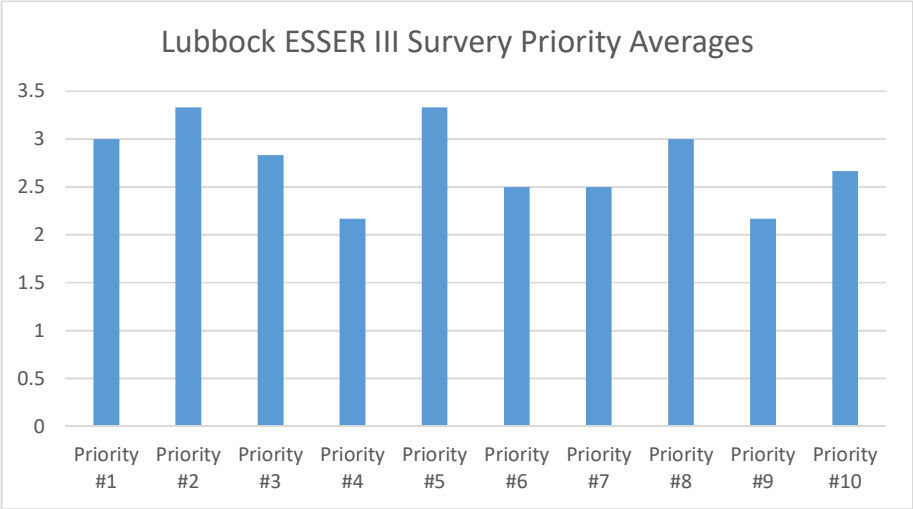
Laredo ESSER III Survey Priority Averages



Average:	
Priority #1	13.7
Priority #2	14.7
Priority #3	14.2
Priority #4	14.2
Priority #5	14.8
Priority #6	14.5
Priority #7	13.8
Priority #8	14.3
Priority #9	13.3
Priority #10	13.7

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**DISTRICT: LUBBOCK**

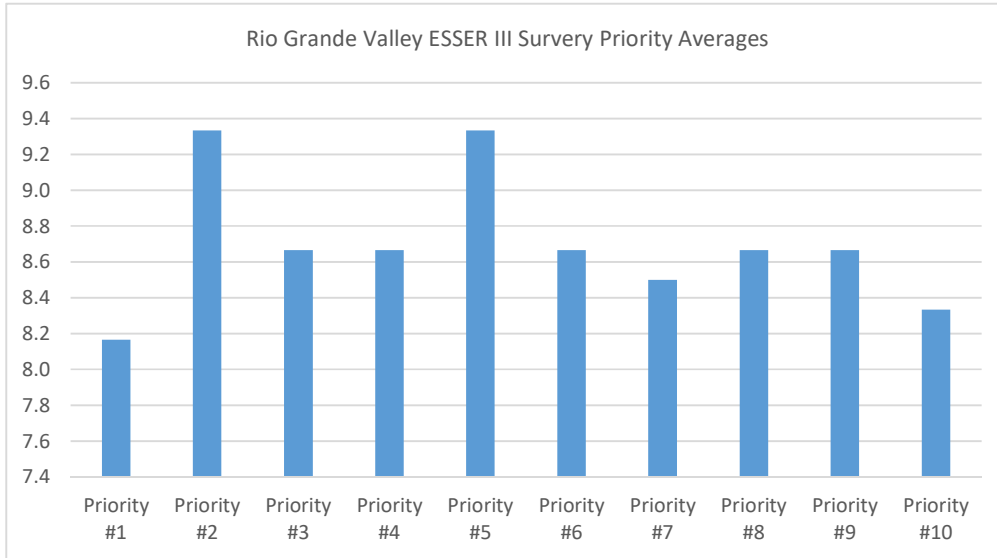


Average:	
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Priority #2	3.3
Priority #3	2.8
Priority #4	2.2
Priority #5	3.3
Priority #6	2.5
Priority #7	2.5
Priority #8	3.0
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Priority #10	2.7



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**Grant Period: 2021-2023 Carryover Period: 2023-2024**

**DISTRICT: RIO GRANDE VALLEY**



Average:	
Priority #1	8.2
Priority #2	9.3
Priority #3	8.7
Priority #4	8.7
Priority #5	9.3
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