

Section: Narratives - Needs Assessment

Introduction

In accordance with the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act and Pennsylvania Act 24 of 2021 (Act 24), the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) will award approximately \$ 249,848,000 or five percent (5%) of Pennsylvania's ARP Elementary and Secondary School Education Relief (ESSER) State Reserve funds to school districts, charter schools and cyber charter schools (collectively, LEAs) = to implement evidence-based interventions that address learning loss in response to the academic, social, emotional and mental health needs of students and subgroups of students impacted by COVID-19 public health emergency that supplement school programs and activities.

Act 24 requires that LEAs, at a minimum, use the funds they are awarded under this subgrant in the following ways: .

Percentage of LEA Allocation - Required Activities

30% - To address the social, emotional and mental health needs of students

10% - To provide professional development and technical assistance to educators, school support staff, school leaders and school health professionals to address the social, emotional and mental health needs of students.

8% - To address reading remediation and improvement for students

The remaining allocation may be used by the LEA to address and/or supplement other areas of learning loss caused by the pandemic.

Act 24 also requires that, when available, existing personnel shall be utilized by school districts, charter schools and cyber charter schools to staff programs and activities established with these grant funds.

Within 90 days of receipt of these allocations, school districts, charter schools and cyber charter schools must submit a three-part plan to PDE, that outlines the proposed use of the grant money, itemized by program and activity. This plan is part of a consolidated application that includes after-school programming, summer activities, and a comprehensive plan to address learning loss. The plan shall include:

- 1) A description of each program and activity
- 2) A narrative outlining the expected benefit of each program and activity
- 3) A budget for each program and activity detailing personnel and operating costs.

Through this grant application, LEAs will meet their requirement of developing a three-part plan, including describing their planned programming, a narrative outlining the expected benefit of each program and activity, as well as an overview of how the LEA determined the areas of need to be addressed, including the use of stakeholder feedback.

PDE has developed the Accelerated Learning Toolkit, a significant cadre of resources and trainings, to support LEAs in the development of their plans. The Accelerated Learning Toolkit can be found [Link to Accelerated Learning Toolkit](#).

Needs Assessment: In this section, LEAs are asked to describe the impact of the pandemic on their

students, examine disproportionate impacts on specific student groups, and highlight the LEA's promising practices in supporting student needs since March 2020.

Indicators of Impact

1. Understanding the Impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic: Describe how the LEA has identified or will identify the extent of the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on student learning and well-being. Specifically, what methods (i.e., collecting and analyzing data and information from focus groups, surveys, and local assessment results) were used or will be used to identify and measure impacts in four key areas: (1) Social and Emotional Learning, (2) Professional Development needs to support Social and Emotional Learning, (3) Reading Remediation and Improvement for Students, and (4) Other areas of Learning Loss?

	Method used to Understand Each Type of Impact
Social and Emotional Learning	Student behavioral Data Student Attendance Data Teacher Observation and Referral School Counselor Logs Parental Referral
Professional Development for Social and Emotional Learning	Restorative Practices Second Step Utilization Contracting with Stecher and Associated for Understanding Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Acceptance through the Social and Emotional Lens
Reading Remediation and Improvement for Students	Incorporation of Sonday Incorporation of Read 180 Actively Learn for students grades 9-12 Partnership with East Stroudsburg University to include options for student tutoring as well as instructional mentorship for PVSD faculty
Other Learning Loss	Partnership with the Western Pocono Library for 3 after school programs Reorganization of instructional scheduling to include Just in Time Tutoring Enhancement of blended learning opportunities

Documenting Disproportionate Impacts

2. Identify the student groups in the LEA that faced particularly significant impacts from the pandemic in the areas of Social and Emotional Learning, Reading Remediation and Improvement, or any other areas of learning loss that the LEA will address with this funding source. For each, provide specific strategies that were used or will be used to identify and measure impacts.

Student Group	Area of Impact	Provide specific strategies that were used or will be used to identify and measure impacts
Major Racial or Ethnic Groups	Other Areas of Learning Loss	Direct Explicit Instruction utilizing supplementary programming and technology

Student Group	Area of Impact	Provide specific strategies that were used or will be used to identify and measure impacts
Children from Low-Income Families	Other Areas of Learning Loss	Direct Explicit Instruction utilizing supplementary programming and technology
Children with Disabilities	Other Areas of Learning Loss	Direct Explicit Instruction utilizing supplementary programming and technology
English Learners	Reading Remediation and Improvement	Direct Explicit Instruction utilizing supplementary programming and technology
Students Experiencing Homelessness	Other Areas of Learning Loss	Direct Explicit Instruction utilizing supplementary programming and technology

Section: Narratives - Learning Loss Program Questions

Learning Loss Program Questions: In this section, LEAs are asked to describe the activities they have designed to support accelerated learning to combat learning loss caused by the COVID-19 pandemic for their students. Please use the following link to ensure that your calculated values below are equal to the values published on PDE's website. The file contains your LEA's MINIMUM required reserves for Learning Loss to address SEL, SEL PD, and Reading Improvement. [Click to download reserve amounts.](#)

*LEA's can choose to spend MORE than the minimum required reserves for Learning Loss. Those values will be entered in the budget sections.

Section 3a – Social and Emotional Learning: As schools across the Commonwealth return to school, LEAs face increased challenges in addressing the mental health needs of their students and staff. LEAs are required to utilize **A MINIMUM of THIRTY PERCENT (30%)** of funding available through this grant application to support the Social and Emotional Learning of their students. In this section, LEAs are asked to describe the activities they have designed to address these needs. Please reference the SEL framework to assist in developing this plan.

3. Calculate 30% of LEA Allocation as the **MINIMUM REQUIRED RESERVE** for Social and Emotional Learning. *(Calculation will populate when you click the Save button)*
 - *This value will be needed in the corresponding budget section.*

	Total LEA Allocation	Multiply by 30% (.30)	Minimum Allocation for SEL
Minimum 30% SEL Requirement	316,664	30%	94,999

4. Describe the data sources the LEA is using to identify social and emotional needs of students and identify areas of strength and concerns in the learning environment.

Student Behavioral data
 Student Attendance Data
 Student Assistance Program Referrals
 Student Attendance Improvement Plans
 Socio Economic Review Factor
 Progress Reporting and Student Report Cards
 Keystone, PSSA, PVAAS data
 PBIS Data Referrals to district
 YESS Program District Social Worker Support

5. Program/Activities – Please describe the planned program activities and identify the type of activity and the number of students to be served by that activity.

Program Activity	Student Group	Type (Universal, Targeted, Intensive)	Number of Students Served
Social Skills Support and Instruction	Major Racial and Ethnic Groups	Universal	150
Social Skills Support and Instruction	Children from Low-Income Families	Universal	150
Social Skills Support and Instruction	English Learners	Universal	103
Social Skills Support and Instruction	Students Experiencing Homelessness	Universal	50

6. How will the LEA assess the success of the SEL program? Please identify the tool, frequency of use, and expected results.

Tool Used to Evaluate Success	Frequency of Use	Expected Results
Student Behavioral Data	Ongoing	Increase in prosocial behavioral instruction and ability to self maintain
Student Attendance Data	Ongoing	Improved school attendance
Student Assistance Team Referrals	Ongoing	Reduction in referrals

Section 3b – Social and Emotional Learning Professional Development: LEAs face increased challenges in addressing the mental health needs of their students and staff. LEAs are required to utilize **A MINIMUM OF TEN PERCENT (10%)** of funding available through this grant application to support professional development activities and technical assistance for educators, school support staff, school leaders and school health professionals to address the social, emotional and mental health needs of students. In this section, LEAs are asked to describe the activities they have designed to address these needs.

7. Calculate 10% of LEA Allocation as the **MINIMUM REQUIRED RESERVE** for Social and Emotional

Learning Professional Development. (Calculation will populate when you click the Save button)

- This value will be needed in the corresponding budget section.

	Total LEA Allocation	Multiply by 10% (.10)	Minimum Allocation for SEL PD
Minimum 10% SEL PD Requirement	316,664	10%	31,666

8. Describe the planned professional development activities and how the activity will ensure that teachers/staff are equipped with training/support on the following:
- Social emotional learning and support for students that have suffered trauma during the COVID-19 pandemic;
 - Identifying signs of possible mental health issues and providing culturally relevant support;
 - Motivating students that have been disengaged;
 - Mentoring students who have attendance issues before it becomes a pattern;
 - Self-care and mindfulness strategies for teachers;
 - Engaging and communicating effectively with parents;
 - Working with community agencies to address non-academic needs.

Professional Development Activity	Number of Staff Involved	Type of Staff Involved (Teacher, Counselor, Support Staff, Admin, Other)	Provider – Who will present the professional development	Is the provider an internal staff member or an outside contractor?	Brief Description of the Planned Activity
a. Social emotional learning and support for students that have suffered trauma during the COVID-19 pandemic;	300	Teacher	Local Provider	External Contractor	Training to be scheduled monthly-either in person or remotely based upon the District Instructional Calendar
c. Motivating students that have been disengaged;	300	Teacher	IIRP	External Contractor	Training to be scheduled monthly-either in person or remotely based upon the District

Professional Development Activity	Number of Staff Involved	Type of Staff Involved (Teacher, Counselor, Support Staff, Admin, Other)	Provider – Who will present the professional development	Is the provider an internal staff member or an outside contractor?	Brief Description of the Planned Activity
					Instructional Calendar
d. Mentoring students who have attendance issues before it becomes a pattern;	300	Teacher	IIRP	External Contractor	Training to be scheduled monthly-either in person or remotely based upon the District Instructional Calendar
e. Self-care and mindfulness strategies for teachers;	300	Teacher	Stecher and Associates	External Contractor	Training to be scheduled monthly-either in person or remotely based upon the District Instructional Calendar
a. Social emotional learning and support for students that have suffered trauma during the COVID-19 pandemic;	20	Counselor	Local Provider	External Contractor	Training to be scheduled monthly-either in person or remotely based upon the District Instructional Calendar
g. Working with community agencies to address non-academic needs.	20	Counselor	Local Provider	External Contractor	Training to be scheduled monthly-either in person or remotely based upon the District Instructional Calendar

Professional Development Activity	Number of Staff Involved	Type of Staff Involved (Teacher, Counselor, Support Staff, Admin, Other)	Provider – Who will present the professional development	Is the provider an internal staff member or an outside contractor?	Brief Description of the Planned Activity

9. How will the LEA assess the success of the SEL professional development? Please identify the tool, frequency of use, and expected results.

Tool Used to Evaluate Success	Frequency of Use	Expected Results
Teacher Survey	Ongoing following each session	Increase in district wide positive climate and culture. Increase teacher engagement with students to identify and responds to needs within instruction.

Section 3c - Reading Improvement for Students:

LEA allocations in Reading improvement should be used to increase the best practice in the implementation of research-based reading instruction and acceleration. As schools are planning the most effective use for this 8% set aside for reading instruction and acceleration, they should contemplate the use of structured literacy (also known as Science of Literacy) to develop reading instruction and remediation. Please reference the Structured Literacy framework to assist in developing this plan [LINK NEEDED](#)

LEAs are required to utilize **A MINIMUM of EIGHT PERCENT (8%)** of their ARP-ESSER allocation for research-based reading instruction. In this section, describe the course of action to remediate and improve reading gaps through research-based practices.

10. Calculate 8% of LEA Allocation as the **MINIMUM REQUIRED RESERVE** for Reading Improvement for Students. (Calculation will populate when you click the Save button)

- This value will be needed in the corresponding budget section.

	Total LEA Allocation	Multiply by 8% (.08)	Minimum Allocation for Reading Improvement
Minimum 8%			

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Reading Improvement Requirement	316,664	8%	25,333

11. What local assessments were used to determine the need to address learning loss in the area of reading? For which specific groups of students was this need evidenced? What were the findings?

Grades 9-10 STAR Reading Data
 Advanced Placement Results
 Keystone Results
 Course Based Proficiency and Mastery Results

12. Does your data indicate that at-risk readers are making at least a year's worth of growth or more in one school year? *Please consider both state PVAAS data and local assessment data

No

Please explain:

STAR Diagnostic and Keystone Assessment data yield strategic areas of strength and need across all domains for grades 9-12 students. Most specifically, a focus on acquisition and utilization of comprehension strategies to enhance understanding of grade/course level material across all content areas.

13. Has the LEA used structured literacy and/or provided training for K-4, ESL, and Special Education teachers in structured literacy?

Yes

If so, please identify the training, grade level, and number of teachers involved.

Training	Grade Level / ESL / Special Education	Number of Teachers Trained
Units of Study	K-8	80

14. Describe the evidence-based instructional intervention(s) that address the identified needs of

students most disproportionately impacted.

Intervention	Student Group	Number of Students Receiving Intervention	Brief Description of Intervention
Phonemic Awareness, Phonics, Vocabulary, Fluency and Comprehension	Major Racial and Ethnic Groups	300	Supplementary grade and developmentally appropriate resources. Provision of small group, skills based instruction.
Phonemic Awareness, Phonics, Vocabulary, Fluency and Comprehension	Children from Low-Income Families	350	Supplementary, grade and developmentally appropriate resources. Provision of small group, skills based instruction.
Phonemic Awareness, Phonics, Vocabulary, Fluency and Comprehension	Children with Disabilities	900	Supplementary grade and developmentally appropriate resources. Provision of small group, skills based instruction.
Phonemic Awareness, Phonics, Vocabulary, Fluency and Comprehension	English Learners	103	Supplementary grade and developmentally appropriate resources. Provision of small group, skills based instruction.
Phonemic Awareness, Phonics, Vocabulary, Fluency and Comprehension	Students Experiencing Homelessness	80	Assurance of individual technology and internet access.

15. How will the LEA assess the success of the literacy program? Please identify the tool, frequency of use, and expected results.

Tool Used to Evaluate Success	Frequency of Use	Expected Results
STAR Reading	BOY,MOY,EOY	Review of individual, class and grade level student expected growth coinciding with curriculum based assessment results
IEP Progress Monitoring	As directed by the IEP	Team review of ongoing individual student Progress Monitoring to adjust delivery of instruction as beneficial to the student to meet IEP goals
Curriculum Based Formative and Summative Assessments	Ongoing	Review of individual, class and grade level student expected growth coinciding with daily curriculum based assessment results
Student Progress Reports/Report Cards	Quarterly	Review and monitor of individual student levels of growth and proficiency
Actively Learn	Daily	To assess, plan for and instruct for improved growth and achievement using differentiation of materials and reading resources to address all ability levels.
Sonday	Teacher directed	To progress monitor over time and adjust instruction to student needs.

Section 3d - Other Learning Loss Activities: LEAs are permitted to utilize the remainder of their allocation to support and/or supplement additional efforts being implemented to combat learning loss caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. Please use this section to describe those efforts.

***This value can be UP TO 52% of the total allocation, if minimum values were used for other reserves.**

16. Calculate 52% of the remaining LEA Allocation **AS A MAXIMUM** amount to fund Other Learning

Loss Activities. (Calculation will populate when you click the Save button)

	Total LEA Allocation	Multiply by 52% (.52)	Maximum Allocation for Other Learning Loss Activities
52% Other Learning Loss Activities	316,664	52%	164,665

17. Describe the evidence-based instructional intervention(s) that address the identified needs of students most disproportionately impacted.

Intervention	Student Group	Number of Students Receiving Intervention	Brief Description of Intervention
Actively Learn	Major Racial and Ethnic Groups	325	Supplementary Resource able to be differentiated to meet student instructional and developmental needs.
Actively Learn	Children from Low-Income Families	325	Supplementary Resource able to be differentiated to meet student instructional and developmental needs.
Actively Learn	Children with Disabilities	325	Supplementary Resource able to be differentiated to meet student instructional and developmental needs.
Actively Learn	English Learners	325	Supplementary Resource able to be differentiated to meet student instructional and developmental needs.

Intervention	Student Group	Number of Students Receiving Intervention	Brief Description of Intervention
Actively Learn	Students Experiencing Homelessness	325	Supplementary Resource able to be differentiated to meet student instructional and developmental needs.

18. How will the LEA assess the success of the learning loss activities? Please identify the tool, frequency of use, and expected results.

Tool Used to Evaluate Success	Frequency of Use	Expected Results
Actively Learn	Daily	Improvement of daily differentiated instruction and daily access to student centered instructional materials as well as the use of program based data sources.

Section: Budget - Social and Emotional Learning Budget

Social and Emotional Learning Budget

Budget

\$316,664.00

Allocation

\$316,664.00

Budget Over(Under) Allocation

\$0.00

Enter your calculated value for the 30% Social and Emotional Learning set aside requirement. (Round Up to the whole dollar)

94,999

Budget Summary

Function	Object	Amount	Description
1000 - Instruction	100 - Salaries	\$69,999.00	Teacher training and salaries
1100 - REGULAR PROGRAMS – ELEMENTARY / SECONDARY	300 - Purchased Professional and Technical Services	\$25,000.00	Purchase of grades 3-12, evidence based Ripple Effect Program
		\$94,999.00	

Section: Budget - Social and Emotional Learning Professional Development Budget

Social and Emotional Learning Professional Development Budget

Budget

\$316,664.00

Allocation

\$316,664.00

Budget Over(Under) Allocation

\$0.00

Enter your calculated value for the 10% Social and Emotional Learning Professional Development set aside requirement. (Round Up to the whole dollar)

31,666

Budget Summary

Function	Object	Amount	Description
1100 - REGULAR PROGRAMS – ELEMENTARY / SECONDARY	500 - Other Purchased Services	\$31,666.00	Teacher training
		\$31,666.00	

Section: Budget - Reading Improvement Budget

Reading Improvement Budget

Budget

\$316,664.00

Allocation

\$316,664.00

Budget Over(Under) Allocation

\$0.00

Enter your calculated value for the 8% Reading Improvement set aside requirement. (Round Up to the whole dollar)

25,333

Budget Summary

Function	Object	Amount	Description
1000 - Instruction	500 - Other Purchased Services	\$25,333.00	Supplementary resource-Actively Learn
		\$25,333.00	

Section: Budget - Other Learning Loss Expenditures

Learning Loss Budget

Calculate the remaining LEA Allocation amount to fund Other Learning Loss Activities. Please enter **Budget Totals** from the **SEL, SEL PD, and Reading Improvement budget sections** to determine what funds are remaining for Other Learning Loss Activities. Click Save to calculate the value, and then this budget section Total should be equal this amount. (Calculation will populate when you click the Save button)

	Total LEA Allocation	30% SEL Budgeted Value	10% SEL PD Budgeted Value	8% Reading Improvement Budgeted Value	Remaining Allocation for Other Learning Loss Activities
Other Learning Loss Activities Amount	316,664	94,999	31,666	25,333	164,666

Learning Loss Expenditures

Budget

\$316,664.00

Allocation

\$316,664.00

Budget Over(Under) Allocation

\$0.00

Budget Overview

Function	Object	Amount	Description
1000 - Instruction	100 - Salaries	\$164,666.00	Instructional Support and Resources
		\$164,666.00	

Section: Budget - Budget Summary

BUDGET OVERVIEW

Budget

\$316,664.00

Allocation

\$316,664.00

Budget Over(Under) Allocation

\$0.00

BUDGET SUMMARY

	100 Salaries	200 Benefits	300 Purchased Professional and Technical Services	400 Purchased Property Services	500 Other Purchased Services	600 Supplies 800 Dues and Fees	700 Property	Totals
1000 Instruction	\$234,665.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$25,333.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$259,998.00
1100 REGULAR PROGRAMS – ELEMENTARY / SECONDARY	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$25,000.00	\$0.00	\$31,666.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$56,666.00
1200 SPECIAL PROGRAMS – ELEMENTARY / SECONDARY	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
1300 CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
1400 Other Instructional Programs – Elementary / Secondary	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
1600 * ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAMS	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
1700 Higher								

	100 Salaries	200 Benefits	300 Purchased Professional and Technical Services	400 Purchased Property Services	500 Other Purchased Services	600 Supplies 800 Dues and Fees	700 Property	Totals
Education Programs	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
1800 Pre-K	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
2000 SUPPORT SERVICES	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
2100 SUPPORT SERVICES – STUDENTS	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
2200 Staff Support Services	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
2300 SUPPORT SERVICES – ADMINISTRATION	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
2400 Health Support Services	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
2500 Business Support Services	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
2600 Operation and Maintenance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
2700 Student Transportation	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
2800 Central Support Services	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
3000 OPERATION OF NON-INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
3100 Food Services	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

	100 Salaries	200 Benefits	300 Purchased Professional and Technical Services	400 Purchased Property Services	500 Other Purchased Services	600 Supplies 800 Dues and Fees	700 Property	Totals
3200 Student Activities	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
3300 Community Services	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
4000 FACILITIES ACQUISITION, CONSTRUCTION AND IMPROVEMENT SERVICES	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	\$234,665.00	\$0.00	\$25,000.00	\$0.00	\$56,999.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$316,664.00
Approved Indirect Cost/Operational Rate: 0.0000								\$0.00
Final								\$316,664.00