

ARP ESSER III Use of Funds Plan 2022-2024

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The LEA engaged in consultation with stakeholders and gave the public an opportunity to provide input on June 14, 2021. Specifically, the LEA provided the opportunity for meaningful consultation with students, families, school and district administrators (including special education administrators), teachers, principals, school leaders, other educators, staff and unions. Further, the meaningful consultation was extended to Tribes, civil rights organizations (including disability rights organizations) and stakeholders representing interests of children with disabilities, English Learners, children experiencing homelessness, children in foster care, migratory students, children who are incarcerated and other underserved students.

From this consultation, the Panola Public Schools has created the following American Rescue Plan Use of Funds.

1. Panola Public Schools will utilize ARP ESSER III funds to Prepare, Prevent, and/or Respond to the COVID19 impact on our district by implementing prevention and mitigation strategies consistent with the most recent CDC guidance on reopening schools, in order to continuously and safely open and operate schools for in-person learning;

In coordination with Oklahoma Department of Health and CDC guidance, Panola Public Schools will ensure safety for all students and staff by making every effort to promote healthy practices and protocols. Panola Public School has increased its cleaning and preparation of facilities in an effort to protect our staff and students.

- Frequent hand-washing and other healthy protocols will be implemented and practiced.
- Efforts will be made to have hand sanitizer and hand sanitizer stations available.
- Upon notification of a positive COVID case on campus, the area will be thoroughly cleaned.
- Physical Distancing will be implemented when possible.
- Masks are highly recommended for all students as well as staff.
- We strongly recommend the wearing of masks on the school bus and in highly populated areas.
- Masks may be required based on community spread with a state Declaration of Emergency
- Our staff will monitor reportable illnesses and Oklahoma Health Department guidance will be utilized for quarantine.

- Panola Public School will also follow city, county, and state mandates. Requirements and recommendations are subject to change.
2. The LEA will earmark 20% of the ESSER ARP funds to specifically address academic needs from the impact of lost instructional time. Panola Public Schools will provide evidenced-based interventions through online remediation programs to address gaps in reading and math, as well as the technology required to utilize the programs. These subscriptions will include IXL, Edgenuity, Edmentum, and Star Reading and Math. Also to address learning loss Panola Public Schools will provide a new remediation teacher(s) to address learning loss.
 - Online remediation FY23, FY24
 - Technology FY23, FY24
 - Remediation teachers FY23, FY24
 3. Panola Public Schools will spend its remaining ARP ESSER funds consistent with the uses authorized in section 2001 (e)(2) of the ARP Act as follows:
 - Purchasing educational technology (including hardware, software, and connectivity) for students, including low-income students and children with disabilities, which may include assistive technology or adaptive equipment.
 - Providing mental health services and supports, including through the implementation of evidence-based full-service. This will include coordinating counseling services.
 - School facility repairs and improvements, maintenance, and cleaning to enable operation of schools to reduce risk of virus transmission and exposure to environmental health hazards, and to support student health needs.
 - Cleaning services FY23, FY24
 - Other activities that are necessary to maintain the operation of and continuity of services to employ existing staff of the local educational agency which will include increased property insurance premiums, technology services, student information, program management contract, bus lease, and copier leases.
 - Insurance increase FY22, FY23, FY24
 - Technology services FY23, FY24
 - Copier lease FY23, FY24
 - Bus lease FY24
 - Student information FY24
 - Contract program management FY24
 4. Public Schools will address learning loss among students, including low-income students, children with disabilities, English learners, racial and ethnic minorities, students experiencing homelessness, and children and youth in foster care, of the local educational agency, including by:

- Administering and using high-quality assessments that are valid and reliable, to accurately assess students' academic progress and assist educators in meeting students' academic needs, including through differentiating instruction;
- Implementing evidence-based activities to meet the comprehensive needs of students;
- Tracking student attendance and improving student engagement in distance education.

SAFE RETURN PLAN

Panola Public Schools has developed the following SAFE RETURN plan for the 2021-22 school year.

This plan will allow our students to return to school in the safest way possible. The COVID-19 pandemic and the response to it is continuously changing. We are in unique times that require flexibility and cooperation from everyone involved with Panola Public Schools. In an effort to insure the safety of our students, faculty and staff and to prevent the spread of communicable diseases, especially during a pandemic or public health crisis, Panola Public Schools implements the following protocol:

Masks:

Students, faculty and staff are permitted to wear a mask. Panola Public Schools will only issue a mask mandate if under a State of Emergency and the mandate will be reviewed at each monthly school board meeting. When under a State of Emergency, Panola School will use the state color code system to determine the requirement of masks.

Green – No mask required.

Yellow – No mask required.

Lt. Orange – Masks strongly recommended but not required.

Dark Orange – Masks strongly recommended but not required.

Red – Masks strongly recommended but not required.

When masks are required, they shall be worn at all times over the nose and mouth unless eating or drinking.

Physical Distancing

Panola Public Schools will follow CDC and Health Department guidelines on physical distancing when feasible. When physical distancing is not possible, we will encourage students and staff to wear a mask when the state color code deems it necessary.

Maintaining healthy facilities

Students, staff, and visitors are encouraged to use handwashing stations frequently. In addition, hand sanitizer will be placed in all classrooms, offices, and

entrances. Buildings will be disinfected throughout the day and thoroughly sanitized each evening.

Best practices for positive cases at schools:

A student who has tested positive for COVID-19 will be part of contact tracing by the school and county health department. Such tracing will require the whereabouts of students in school to be communicated to the health department.

On the advice of the health department and tribal healthcare facilities, parents of other students who have been in close contact with a student who has tested positive for COVID-19 will be contacted and quarantined according to CDC recommendations. Siblings of a positive tested student may also be quarantined. Grab and go meals will be provided for students who have been placed in quarantine and may be picked up at the back of the cafeteria.

If the absentee rate of a site and/or district reaches 40%, then the site and/or district will go to distance learning for 10 days with the count starting on the first day of distance learning.

All communication involving possible school closure will be done using the Remind app, social media and the school website.

Diagnostic and Screening

Panola Public Schools encourages parents, legal guardians, and all school employees to self-screen at home. If a student or employee has a temperature of 100 degrees Fahrenheit or higher, the student or employee should remain at home until the individual has been free of fever for twenty-four (24) hours.

Panola Public Schools will screen any individual (students, faculty and staff) who enters a school facility during the regular school day. This screening process may include taking temperatures, asking health related questions, and isolating those that have symptoms of a communicable disease.

Vaccinations

Panola Public Schools will work with the county health department as well as tribal healthcare facilities to provide vaccinations to eligible staff and students.

Accommodations for children with disabilities

Panola Public School will provide appropriate accommodations for children with disabilities with respect to health and safety policies.

Coordination with State and local health officials

Panola Public Schools will adhere to guidelines set by local, state and federal health and safety guidelines when feasible.

Access to school facilities:

Due to COVID-19 and for the safety of our students, parents will not be allowed to enter school facilities during the regular school day. For assistance, parents are asked to call the office at each school site. Students will not be permitted to enter the buildings until 7:30 AM each morning.

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Transportation safety:

Panola Public Schools will continue transporting students to and from school each day. We would also like to encourage parents who can bring their children to school each morning and pick them up each afternoon to do so. This would eliminate overcrowding on the bus routes.

Also, students are encouraged but not required to wear a face covering for the bus routes due to the small confined area of school bus. All school buses will be sanitized after the morning routes and afternoon routes are completed.

Virtual Days:

In the event of school closure, Panola Public Schools will implement virtual days of instruction. Students, parents and faculty members will be notified as early as possible regarding virtual days.

Communication:

Panola Public Schools will use the Remind app, email, the school website and school social media accounts to communicate with parents and students.