

New Mexico ARP ESSER State Plan Highlights

Total ARP ESSER allocation for New Mexico: \$979,761,933

ARP ESSER funding released to New Mexico on March 24, 2021: \$652,704,171

ARP ESSER funding released to New Mexico on July 22, 2021: \$327,057,762

2020-2021 Preliminary Statewide Enrollment: 316,840

Top Priorities within New Mexico's plan:

- Improving students' and schools' access to technology
- Addressing learning gaps in critical content areas, particularly early literacy and mathematics
- Recruiting and retaining a quality educator workforce

Highlights of New Mexico's Plan:

- **Returning to In Person Learning in 2021:** All LEAs began offering full-time, in-person learning as of April 5, 2021. All LEAs will be expected to open fully for in-person learning for next school year.
- **Safely Reopening Schools and Sustaining Safe Operations:** All school staff members who wanted to be vaccinated received at least a first dose of the vaccine by the first week of April. Schools have also been encouraged to host onsite vaccination events facilitated through the Department of Health (DOH) if the school can organize at least 25 individuals to be vaccinated. Additional incentives for encouraging student and staff vaccinations are being planned.
- **Understanding the Impact of the Pandemic to Target Resources and Support:** NMPED will examine pre- and post-COVID interim assessment results to determine student achievement and growth using disaggregated data and will use this information to target resources and support. School districts were encouraged to continue giving interim assessments during remote learning for the 2020-21 school year.
- **Addressing the Academic Impact of Lost Instructional Time:** The New Mexico Public Education Department (NMPED) will use \$22 million in ARP ESSER funds to support strategies to accelerate learning. This includes professional learning on academic acceleration, communities of practice for educators and administrators, developing high-dosage tutoring programs which include evidence-based curriculum and pedagogy, and peer-to-peer tutoring and mentoring.
- **Investing in Summer Learning Programs:** NMPED established a joint internship in tribal, county, or municipal governments, between NMPED and local municipalities, for students and to reengage at-risk youth for the 2021-22 school year using \$6 million in ARP ESSER funding. In addition, NMPED will use \$3.8 million in ARP ESSER funding to provide grants to districts and partner organizations to run summer programs in five key areas: 1) STEM programs, 2) outdoor, environmental education programs, 3) museum-based, arts, or cultural programs, 4) at-risk youth and teen-oriented programs, 5) land-based, agricultural, or career and technical education (CTE) programs.

- **Investing in Afterschool Programs:** NMPED will provide a request for applications to community organizations to provide evidence-based services to students, including expanding Community Schools, which provide extended learning time and wraparound services. These programs will use hands-on learning experiences and encourage discovery and team-building. NMPED will also use ARP ESSER funds to provide paid internships for high school students.
- **When New Mexico's LEA Use of Funds Plans will be due:** August 24, 2021