

## Nevada ARP ESSER State Plan Highlights

Total ARP ESSER allocation for Nevada: \$1,072,783,189

ARP ESSER funding released to Nevada on March 24, 2021: \$714,665,595

ARP ESSER funding released to Nevada on September 13, 2021: \$358,117,594

2020-2021 Preliminary Statewide Enrollment: 486,663

### **Top Priorities within Nevada's plan:**

- Supporting social, emotional, and mental health for students, educators, and staff
- Addressing interrupted learning
- Recruiting, supporting, and retaining effective educators

### **Highlights of Nevada's Plan:**

- **Returning to In Person Learning in 2021:** All Nevada districts accomplished a safe reopening of schools during the 2020-2021 school year. All schools in 2021-2022 are offering in person instruction.
- **Safely Reopening Schools and Sustaining Safe Operations:** For the 2021-2022 school year, the Nevada Department of Education (NDE) provided guidance and resources to ensure safe and welcoming learning environments for all students and maximize opportunities for in person learning. In addition to detailing emergency plans for distance education in their Reopening Plans, Nevada districts continue to promote vaccinations among teachers, staff, families, and eligible students by providing information about COVID-19 vaccination, encouraging vaccine trust and confidence, and establishing supportive policies and practices that make getting vaccinated as easy and convenient as possible.
- **Supporting Students Most Impacted by the Pandemic:** The Nevada Department of Education (NDE) is working to identify and supports to students most impacted by the pandemic with work-based career and technical education opportunities, credit recovery options, and social and emotional supports. These efforts will also support students who are not on track to complete high school as a result of the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.
- **Addressing the Academic Impact of Lost Instructional Time:** NDE has identified evidence-based interventions to address the academic impact of lost instructional time and has submitted proposals for State Legislative approval, which include projects in school improvement and performance planning, expanding access to college-level coursework, high-quality instructional materials, and timely professional development.
- **Investing in Expanded Afterschool Programs:** NDE will award \$10.7 million in funds reserved for afterschool programs to districts through a competitive grant process that ensures afterschool programs are evidence-based and address the disproportionate impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on traditionally underserved student groups. Based on stakeholder feedback and data, the afterschool programs will support early learning, instructional support, credit recovery, and social and emotional support for students.
- **Supporting Students' and Educators Social, Emotional, and Mental Health Needs:** NDE will allocate \$7.5 million to support districts and charter schools in hiring 100 additional school based mental health professionals, including school counselors, school social workers, school

psychologists, and school mental health workers. Additionally, NDE will spend \$1.7 million to hire a Multi-Tiered Systems of Support coach for every district.

**When Nevada's LEA Use of Funds Plans were due:** September 10, 2021