

ESSER Funds: Allowable and Prohibited District Use

Allowable Uses of Funds:

1. Any activity authorized by ESEA, IDEA, AEFLA, Perkins, or McKinney-Vento.
2. Coordination of COVID-19 preparedness and response efforts.
3. Providing principals and other school leaders with resources to address individual school needs.
4. Activities to address the needs of students experiencing poverty, students with disabilities, multilingual/English learners, students of color, students experiencing homelessness, and foster care youth, including outreach and service delivery.
5. Procedures and systems to improve district preparedness and response efforts.
6. Purchasing supplies to sanitize and clean school facilities and training staff on sanitization protocols.
7. Planning for and coordinating the delivery of instruction and services during remote learning.
8. Purchasing educational technology for students.
9. Providing mental health services and supports.
10. Planning and implementing summer learning and supplemental afterschool programs.
11. Addressing learning loss among students, including by administering high-quality assessments to assess academic progress, implementing evidence-based activities to meet the comprehensive needs of students, providing information and assistance to families on how to effectively support students, and tracking student attendance and improving engagement in remote learning.
12. School facility repairs and improvements to reduce risk of virus transmission and exposure to environmental health hazards, and to support student health needs.
13. Inspection, testing, maintenance, repair, replacement, and upgrade projects to improve the air quality in school facilities, including heating, ventilation, and air conditioning systems, filtering, purification and other air cleaning, fans, control systems, and window and door repair and replacement.
14. Other activities necessary to maintain district operations and services and employ existing staff.

Prohibited Uses of Funds:

1. Bonuses, merit pay, or similar expenditures, unless related to disruptions or closures related to COVID-19.
2. Subsidizing or offsetting executive salaries and benefits of individuals who are not district employees.
3. Expenditures related to state or local educator unions or associations.
4. As a standard policy, OSPI will limit allowable activities to those that can continue to be funded with state basic education dollars after the expiration of this project period. Any grant funds allocated for the purpose of extended trips, direct allocations to students or families, or any services, lessons, or other activities that do not have a substantially similar experience within the LEA will be prohibited.

