

ARP ESSER Funds Use of Funds Plan for Kewanee CUSD #229

Per ISBE, each school district that receives ARP ESSER funds must develop a plan for its use of ARP ESSER funds and submit it to ISBE within 90 days of funds being received. School districts must provide the opportunity to provide input on the plan, take input into account and post the ARP ESSER plan on its Website.

District Administration has met with representatives of each District building (administration and staff), District union representation, and parents of District students to gain input on how to best utilize funds within each building. Needs for each building were assessed and plans for the ESSER funds were developed. Grant information has been an item on the District Board Agenda and discussed at Board meetings during open session for six months.

Kewanee CUSD #229- ESSER III Allocation = \$7,815,689
 SEA Reservations (After School, Summer School, Learning Loss) = \$756,306
 Required Academic 20% Allocation = \$1,411,877
 District Allocation to Academics = \$2,168,183
 Building Improvements = \$5,647,506

New Curriculum for all Elementary/JH District Buildings (ELA, Phonics, Math), supplemental curriculum materials, and student licenses for digital programs.	\$895,215
Summer School Salaries (teachers, aides, guidance counselor, resource officers, etc.) for 3 years (FY21, FY22, FY23) to expand offerings.	\$258,229
Professional Development for Staff to implement and support new curriculum (ELA, Phonics, Math) over 3 years	\$345,684
Edmentum Online for Alternative program students	\$43,500
Student licenses for programs to assess and address areas of concerns.	\$64,044
Salaries for Counselors to work with students and families outside of school hours for FY21, FY22, and FY23. Henry County Youth Service Bureau for FY20, FY21, FY22, and FY23.	\$159,462
Salary for Resource support person. Will assist families with accessing resources available by outside organizations and agencies. FY22 & FY23	\$23,000
Technology-Purchase of iMACs, Chromebooks, and Clevertouch boards for District buildings.	\$368,363
Library books for the District buildings-FY20, FY21, and FY22	\$10,686
Roof Top Air Cleaners for existing roof top HVAC units	\$21,650
Expansion/Remodel of KHS Cafeteria	\$450,000
Belle Alexander Elementary gymnasium addition	\$2,210,000
Belle Alexander Elementary addition of classrooms	\$1,096,817
Neponset Grade School addition of Pre-K classroom/STEM classroom/restrooms	\$1,000,000
Kewanee High School Agriculture addition of classrooms and restrooms	\$490,000
Architect fees for projects	\$379,039

The District will use ARP ESSER funds to address the academic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. The District has addressed this with the purchase and implementation of new evidence based curriculums and materials to support the curriculum for K-8 classrooms for the 2021-2022 school year and beyond. The District will use funds to purchase ELA curriculums, including Wit & Wisdom for K-5 and Amplify for grades 6-8. A phonics curriculum program will be purchased for grades K-3 from 95% Group. Eureka Math curriculum will be implemented for grades K-8. Central Elementary and Junior High will be implementing Discovery Education curriculums for Social Studies and Science. The Alternative program for the District will be using the Edmentum-Plato online curriculum. This online curriculum will be used to address learning loss for students in the Alternative program.

In addition to the curriculum the District will be implementing various evidence based programs for staff to identify areas of concerns and intervention programs to address them. Curriculum resources will be made available for Special Education and Resource classrooms to ensure continuity throughout all District classrooms. The District will be purchasing student licenses for various online programs. These programs will include Mystery Science, Lexia Learning Systems, Learning A-Z, and Learning Plus. Materials will be used within District classrooms to support the implementation of the new curriculum. The materials will include geometric solids, counters, centimeter cubes, rekenreks, unifix cubes, etc. The District will also use ARP ESSER funds to purchase books for classrooms and building libraries. Intervention programs and online programs will be available for use at after school programs within District buildings.

Funds will also be used to provide trainings on implementing the new curriculums within the District classrooms. Stipends will be paid to staff for training time outside of contracted hours. Various other professional development opportunities will be provided for District staff.

The District summer school programs will be expanded to offer more courses at the high school and junior high levels. For the elementary levels, more teachers and aides will be hired to allow for smaller class sizes. Counselors are also being hired for summer school. With the expansion of summer school, the District is striving to meet the academic and social emotional needs of its students.

Student mental health, and social emotional learning will also be addressed. District will contract with the Henry County Youth Service Bureau to provide mental health services for at risk and alternative students. Additionally, the District will fund salaries for counselors to provide assistance for students and families outside of contracted time. The District will also employ an individual to assist families to work with families in utilizing social programs and assistance from local agencies.

Technology will be purchased for use throughout the District. The District will be purchasing Chromebooks, Clevertouch Boards, and iMac computers. The technology will allow teachers to provide visual and audio learning experiences to enhance academic excellence for our students.

The District will also use funding to add air filtration units to existing rooftop HVAC systems at Kewanee High, Central Elementary/Junior High, and Irving Elementary. Building projects to be completed throughout the District will include an expansion/remodel of the high school cafeteria to improve ventilation and allow for social distancing during meal times. Also at Kewanee High School an addition will be built to house the Agriculture program. The increased space will allow for social distancing and improved ventilation for staff and students. Belle Alexander Elementary will have an addition of classrooms and a gymnasium to provide the ability to social distance within classrooms and during meal times within the new gymnasium. These new areas will also have improved ventilation. Classroom space will be added at Neponset Grade School to improve social distancing and improve ventilation for staff and students. The ARP ESSER funds will also fund fees for the District architects. The District's goal with ARP ESSER funds is to increase the functional space and upgrade existing facilities for students and staff.