

Franklin Community Schools: Federal COVID-19 Relief Spending

Across Indiana, \$2.8 billion in federal funding has been allocated to local school districts to help address schools' COVID-19 related needs.

Franklin Community Schools has been allocated \$7,477,424.02 from three rounds of Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) funding – which is based on the district's share of the state's Title I allocation.

Over the last two years, we have developed plans for how to strategically and sustainably deploy these funds to successfully accelerate and support student learning, especially for the student populations most negatively impacted by COVID; provide relief to families; provide wellness support to staff; provide additional student resources to help combat learning loss; hire more staff to help narrow students' learning gaps; and update technology and other infrastructure.

Read our full plans here:

[ESSER I](#)

[ESSER II](#)

[ESSER III](#)

Through our locally-developed plans, our key funding areas are the following:

- Staff to support our students struggling with learning loss as a result of COVID and virtual learning environments,
- Opportunities, such as clinical support, improved air quality, sanitation, and wellness equipment, to promote safety and wellness for students and staff, and
- Technology and network infrastructure to (1) promote online access for all K-12 students and (2) help parents with financial burdens by off-setting 1:1 technology in textbook rental.

We have encumbered all funds awarded in the first round of ESSER funding and will close the ESSER II grant by September 2023. Looking ahead, we have allocated remaining dollars to the following: staff to help mitigate student learning gaps and encourage innovation, ongoing technology and infrastructure needs, and curricular resources for students.

Per federal law, we have through September 2022 to encumber the first round of ESSER funding and through September 2023 and September 2024, respectively, to encumber the second and third rounds of ESSER grants.

Funds are available for all school districts through a reimbursement process for approved expenses in the spending plan. Track Franklin Community Schools' current uses and reimbursements of these funds [here](#).

For more information on Franklin Community Schools' federal COVID-19 relief funding, please contact Tina Gross, CFO at grosst@franklinschools.org or 317-346-8749.