

ANALYSIS OF THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN: K-12 Education Funding

ARP Education Funding Highlights for the Southern Region

\$47.8 billion total in ESSER grants goes to the Southern Region ([see table for full breakdown](#)). That funding includes:

- \$2.4 billion to address learning loss (5%)
- \$478 million for summer enrichment (1%)
- \$478 million for afterschool activities (1%)
- \$239 million for administration (0.5 %)
- \$1.2 billion for other activities (2.5%)
- \$43 billion for Local Education Agencies (LEAs)

The American Rescue Plan (ARP) provides over \$137 billion total to the nation's early childhood and K-12 schools to reopen safely, make up for lost learning opportunities, and address inequities made worse by the pandemic.

- \$122.77 billion [Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief \(ESSER\) Fund](#) for K-12 state education agencies ([detailed breakdown below](#))
- Non-ESSER funding includes:
 - \$7.17 billion [Emergency Connectivity Fund](#) for educational devices and connections to enable remote learning
 - \$2.75 billion Assistance to Non-Public Schools
 - \$2.58 billion [Individuals with Disabilities Education Act \(IDEA\) Grants](#) to States
 - \$850 million [Bureau of Indian Education](#) for bureau-operated schools and tribally-controlled colleges or universities¹
 - \$850 million Grants to Outlying Areas (American Samoa, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Guam and the U.S. Virgin Island)
 - \$250 million IDEA Infant and Toddler Program Grants
 - \$200 million IDEA Preschool Grants
 - \$190 million American Indian, Native Hawaiian and Alaska Native Education (Departments of Education)



¹ An exact amount for K-12 education is not specified.



The ARP allocates \$122.8 billion for the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) Fund.

States are required to utilize as follows:

- \$800 million is set aside for services to homeless students.

The remaining \$122 billion will be used to award ESSER Fund grants to state educational agencies (SEA) based on their relative shares of grants awarded under [Title I-A of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act](#) (ESEA).

- \$109.8 billion Grants to Local Education Agencies (90% of SEA grant)
- \$6.1 billion Learning Loss (at least 5% of SEA grant)
- \$1.2 billion Summer Enrichment (at least 1% of SEA grant)
- \$1.2 billion After-School Programs (at least 1% of SEA grant)
- \$609.9 million Administrative Costs (0.5% of SEA grant max)
- \$3.0 billion Other State Activities (2.5% of SEA grant max)

The U.S. Department of Education has made [\\$81 billion of ESSER funding in the ARP available immediately](#). Remaining funds will be available upon submission of a plan to reopen schools.



Additional Resources

Read the full text of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 by [CLICKING HERE](#).

The U.S. Department of Education Fact Sheet on ESSER funding can be accessed by [CLICKING HERE](#).

Estimated FY 2021 grants to states under the ESSER Fund can be found in a memorandum from the Congressional Research Service by [CLICKING HERE](#).

Maintenance of Effort, Reporting and Recoupment



States must maintain support for elementary and secondary education in fiscal years 2022 and 2023 at least at the proportional levels of support for elementary and secondary education relative to overall spending, averaged over fiscal years 2017, 2018, and 2019.¹



Local Educational Agencies (LEAs) must develop and make publicly available plans for the safe return to in-person instruction and continuity of services within 30 days of receipt of funds.



Any funds that a state does not award within one year of receipt must be returned to the secretary for reallocation to remaining states.

¹ According to the [U.S. Department of Education](#), "A state may measure support on either an aggregate or per-student basis. If a State demonstrates support on an aggregate basis, it is not necessary for a State to maintain its level of support for individual categories of activities."

Estimated FY 2021 State Grants Under the ESSER Fund for CSG Southern Region (in Millions USD)

State	Total	SEA Funding					LEA Funding
		Learning Loss (5%)	Summer Enrichment (1%)	Afterschool (1%)	Other Activities (2.5%)	Administration (0.5%)	Maximum (90%)
Alabama	\$2,020	\$101	\$20	\$20	\$51	\$10	\$1,818
Arkansas	\$1,253	\$63	\$13	\$13	\$31	\$6	\$1,128
Florida	\$7,038	\$352	\$70	\$70	\$176	\$35	\$6,334
Georgia	\$4,249	\$212	\$42	\$42	\$106	\$21	\$3,824
Kentucky	\$2,085	\$104	\$21	\$21	\$52	\$10	\$1,876
Louisiana	\$2,605	\$130	\$26	\$26	\$65	\$13	\$2,345
Mississippi	\$1,627	\$81	\$16	\$16	\$41	\$8	\$1,464
Missouri	\$1,957	\$98	\$20	\$20	\$49	\$10	\$1,761
North Carolina	\$3,599	\$180	\$36	\$36	\$90	\$18	\$3,239
Oklahoma	\$1,494	\$75	\$15	\$15	\$37	\$7	\$1,344
South Carolina	\$2,112	\$106	\$21	\$21	\$53	\$11	\$1,901
Tennessee	\$2,488	\$124	\$25	\$25	\$62	\$12	\$2,239
Texas	\$12,419	\$621	\$124	\$124	\$310	\$62	\$11,177
Virginia	\$2,109	\$105	\$21	\$21	\$53	\$11	\$1,899
West Virginia	\$761	\$38	\$8	\$8	\$19	\$4	\$685
Regional Total	\$47,817	\$2,391	\$478	\$478	\$1,195	\$239	\$43,035
National Total	\$121,975	\$6,099	\$1,220	\$1,220	\$3,049	\$610	\$109,777

Data Source: [Congressional Research Service](#)

Notes: Funding estimates are rounded to the nearest million . Details may not add to totals due to rounding. Percentages were calculated based on unrounded numbers. The table does not include \$800 million that would be reserved by the secretary of the U.S. Department of Education from the ESSER Fund for identifying and assisting homeless children and youth.

Notice: These are estimated grants only. These estimates are provided solely to assist in comparisons of the relative impact of alternative formulas and funding levels in the legislative process. They are not intended to predict specific amounts states would receive. In addition to other limitations, data needed to calculate final grants may not yet be available.

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