

North White School Corporation
Notice: ESSER III Grant Funding
March 2021 – December 2024

The Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund (ARP ESSER), under the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act of 2021, was enacted on March 11, 2021. ARP ESSER has provided nearly \$122 billion to States and school districts to help to safely reopen and sustain the safe operation of schools. Its primary focus is to address the special needs of schools as the result of the coronavirus pandemic.

Subtitled ESSER III, this initiative works in tangent with original CARES Act funding and ESSER II funding, which was authorized in the second stimulus bill (CRRSA). ESSER II and ESSER III are formula funded and are based on the proportional share of Title I funding allocated for each school district.

The North White School Corporation has been approved for a grant allocation of \$2,079,312.90 for ESSER III.

As required in the ARP Act, school corporations receiving funding must allocate at least 20 percent of ESSER III funding to address the learning losses students have experienced as the result of the pandemic.

Remaining funds may be used for a wide range of activities for developing strategies and implementing public health protocols, supporting guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). The reopening and operating of schools to safely maintain the health of students and staff is central to the intent of ESSER III funding.

The North White School Corporation has developed a three-year plan for implementation, which includes the components listed below. ESSER III will be used to fund these initiatives.

To address Learning Loss/Accelerated Learning:

- Elementary Guidance Counselor
- Middle School Reading Teacher
- Middle School/High School Instructional Assistants
- Middle School Reading Instructional Assistants
- Elementary Instructional Assistants
- Instructional Supplies
- Data/Technology
- Grant Manager/Administrative

To address the Improvement of Indoor Air Quality:

- Middle School/High School: HVAC System Upgrade