

Elk City Schools
ARP ESSER III
Use of Funds Plan
June 15, 2022

With input from various stakeholder groups and gathering data from multiple sources such as OSTP, local benchmark data, teacher feedback, student grades, maintenance records, community comments, and attendance records from 2020-2021 it was decided that the most effective and urgent use of ARP funds would be as follows.

Prevention and Mitigation Strategies

Ionizer Units will be purchased for each HVAC Unit in the district. Ionizers remove particles from the air leaving a cleaner learning environment. Evidence shows that air ionizers purify the air of bacteria, dust, cigarette smoke, molds, soot, pollen, and household odors.

Funds will be used to remodel currently unused areas of the district to provide more learning space for students and allow for adequate social distancing when needed.

Learning Loss

The lack of consistent in-person learning since March of 2020 is very concerning. The district will use ARP funds to provide opportunities for students to close learning gaps.

Over the next three summers learning academies will take place for students of all ages. Grades K-3 will focus on reading, math and offer enrichment opportunities. Grades 4-8 will offer small group tutoring in ELA and math. High School will offer credit recovery services.

During the school year our afterschool program called Elk Up will offer tutoring and remediation services to students in grades 4-12 three days a week.

Software that provides tracking, differentiated instruction, intervention, and remediation resources will be purchased. (Ascend SMARTER Intervention, GimKit, iLit, Edmentum)

Software that provides online curriculum for virtual and distance learning will also be purchased (Edgenuity, NoRedInk)

Social Emotional Well Being

To provide for students mental health needs and continue the current level of services the district will use funds to pay counselor salaries.

Equity of Services

Funds will be used to provide hotspots and internet service to economically disadvantaged, foster, and homeless students.

Funds will be used to pay for software that address the needs of EL students (iLit)

Funds will be used to maintain cafeteria services for virtual students and students in distance learning as needed.

Maintenance and Continuity of Services

The district will use funds to pay salaries of current staff to allow for class sizes to remain at current levels and to continue all services at the same level.

Use of funds will be revisited quarterly and revisions made to the plan as the situation evolves and needs change. Stakeholder input will be sought semiannually.