

ESSER III Information

ARP ESSER III Grant Funds

The COVID-19 pandemic has impacted the learning of Southland ISD students and students around the state and country. In March 2021, the American Rescue Plan (ARP) was signed into law by President Biden and included \$122 billion for Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) funds for school districts across America. As this is the third law providing funding as a response to the pandemic, the ARP is also referred to as ARP ESSER III or ESSER III.

Southland ISD is applying to receive its share of ARP ESSER III (ESSER III) funding as determined by the Texas Education Agency (TEA). TEA has posted information about the ESSER III grant process for Texas school districts [here](#).

Southland ISD ESSER III Allocation: \$343,274.00

- 2/3 (\$228,849) available immediately upon grant approval.
- 1/3 (\$114,425) available after Dept of Education approves TEA Plan.
- 20% of the total (\$68,655) must be used for addressing Learning Loss.
 1. Evidence-Based Interventions such as Extended day/year, Summer Learning, Address academic impact along with Social-Emotional Impact of pandemic on specific populations.

Timeline: March 13, 2021 – June 30, 2024

Application deadline: July 27, 2021

District Needs/Satisfaction Survey: May 14, 2021 – May 21, 2021.

Public Notice: June 7, 2021

Public Comment: June 14, 2021 school board meeting.

The district is seeking feedback and engagement from all district and community stakeholders to help determine how the district might spend additional federal dollars to address unfinished learning and ongoing COVID-19 recovery.

As part of the regular public comment process, the public may comment at the June 14, 2021 school board meeting when the ESSER III plan is an information item on the board agenda. After the district ESSER III funds plan is developed, it will be posted on the district website.

If you are a parent with a disability and require additional assistance in accessing this information, please contact Toby Miller at 806-496-2050 or tmiller@southlandisd.net so it can be provided in an accessible format.