

Provision of Services

Todd County (551) Public District - FY 2021 - ESSER II - Rev 0 - ESSER II Spending Plan

(may be required for federal reporting)

* 1. Describe the methodology the LEA will use to provide services or assistance to students and staff in public schools

Todd County Schools District and School Level Administration conducted a needs assessment to determine the most valuable and targeted use of the ESSER Funds. Based on current academic diagnostics, evaluation of instruction, and student learning loss related to the COVID-19 pandemic funds were allocated to best meet the needs of students.

To overcome learning loss and address academic gaps, a summer enrichment and credit recovery program was developed. Summer enrichment through ESSER will be sustained through Summer 2021 and Summer 2022. Plans to provide enrichment activities to student include using software purchases to address math skills, reading skills, core content provided to prevent further academic slide, along with social and emotional aspects to address the needs of students. The program will be available to all students, specifically addressing targeted interventions for low-income students, students with disabilities, English Language Learners, migrant students, and students in foster care or experiencing homelessness. School faculty, including certified and classified staff, will address students' academic, social and emotional needs, and provide supports to students during the summer months. Maintaining relationships and assisting students in overcoming barriers is essential to assisting our students and meeting their comprehensive needs.

To assist students within the school, the educational technology within the school was evaluated. Based on need and assessment of current hardware, interactive projectors/flat screens are needed for all classrooms, kindergarten through twelfth grade. The interactive projector/flat screens offer opportunities for interactivity and collaboration within the classroom or through remote devices. Hardware devices for teachers to support and address student needs and provide interventions/credit recovery were also needed, along with hardware devices to maintain student Chromebooks for in person and remote learning. Software to address key skills, including math, reading, core content, and social/emotional coping skills will also be purchased to support students and help overcome barriers to support student learning.

Professional Development was identified by the administration as a need. Registration fees and professional development for staff is necessary to address literacy skills, career outreach opportunities, math skills development, science skills development, Kentucky standards skills development, college and career readiness, job skills, social/emotional, crisis management, and transition skills that can assist students overcome learning loss and address student needs in learning (in person, hybrid, and virtual learning environments).

With the current health crisis, the role of the public health department and state agencies within our community has become more essential. In coordination with the local health department and local law enforcement agencies, Todd County schools identified the need for sustained community support to maintain a coordinated response to prevent, prepare for, and response to coronavirus. Todd County Schools has contracted with the local health department to provide nurses within our schools. The nurses assist with coordinated efforts educate the staff, students, and community in response to coronavirus. School Resource Officers have also been contracted to work within the schools. The SRO maintain visibility and security within the schools, along with assisting with the preparedness and response efforts of the school district in maintaining procedures and systems within the school facilities and improve public health.