

American Rescue Plan, Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund Information

(ARP ESSER)

School districts have received funding from two previous federal stimulus funds: Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations (CRRSA) and American Rescue Plan (ARP). MCS worked with faculty and staff and reached out to parents and the community with a survey to elicit ideas on how to spend these funds. The administrative team then compiled all requests and worked together to develop a plan to spend these funds which end September 30, 2023 and September 30, 2024, respectively.

The funds will be used to address learning loss, provide summer enrichment to students, provide mental health services and supports, purchase technology to aid in educational interaction, and to provide after school academic support opportunities for students. The categories are broad for the purpose of allowing districts the flexibility to target areas of need. Our District will focus on the following areas:

- Provide additional academic intervention services and supports to students through the hiring of a Response to Intervention/Academic Intervention Services Personnel
- Funds to support the reintegration of the 6th grade into the elementary schedule for the purpose of providing better academic support services and to be better able to address the social emotional learning needs of our 6th grade students. This modification will also allow the District to better provide academic support services to students in grades 7-12.
- Provide Professional Development opportunities for teachers designed to address the learning need of students
- Staffing to support the development of a PreK – 12 Writing Curriculum
- Funds to purchase materials and supplies for math, writing, and reading programs
- Funds to purchase Interactive whiteboards and other technology such as Chromebooks and computers
- Improve and update our literacy program through resources and training for teachers
- Funds to support a Case/Social worker to assist in mental health support for our students
- Provide Science Enrichment materials and supplies for use in the classroom
- Invest in a K – 6th grade integrated Science Curriculum
- Purchase musical instruments to support our music and theater programs
- Staffing to support after school Tutoring programs
- Staffing to support co-curricular enrichment activities
- Funds to provide summer enrichment activities such as summer camps focused on Learning Loss, Drama, Music and STEAM activities and summer music lessons

Information has been shared at multiple board meetings. This information includes our initial and revised plan, and we welcome additional feedback. Please reach out to Marissa Christensen at mchristensen@milfordcentral.org if you have any suggestions or additional ideas

