ESSER III

The Elementary and Secondary School Education Relief (ESSER) III federal grant was created by the American Rescue Plan of March 2021. The purpose of ESSER III is to help safely reopen and sustain the safe operation of schools and address the impact of COVID-19 on students. RISD has been allocated $69.5 million to support the ways we serve students in response to the pandemic.

Richardson ISD's Comprehensive Plan for the ESSER III Federal Grant

RISD created a comprehensive plan to address learning loss and improve outcomes for students. RISD's Accelerated Learning Plan includes math and reading interventions, summer learning, and social-emotional learning supports. The plan to improve outcomes for students includes reading curriculum and training, as well as classrooms and supports for students with dyslexia and other disabilities.

All available funds will be utilized to provide services to students in all schools across the district. The total amount of these funds are available for use through September 2024.

Richardson’s Accelerated Learning Plan will be data driven to target those students who have experienced learning loss at a disproportionate rate due to COVID-19. Each part of the Accelerated Learning Plan includes use of academic data and measures of socio-emotional wellness to provide the supports to the students who need it most.

$28.78 Million Spent to Support Accelerated Learning and Improving Student Outcomes

PAYROLL
$26.4 MILLION

Class Size Reduction and Remediation ..................... $9.7 million
Math and Reading Interventionists .......................... $8 million
Kindergarten and First Grade Support Teachers ............. $5.86 million
Summer School ........................................... $10.7 million
SEL Support and Crisis Counseling .......................... $1 million
Special Education Support .................................. $720,000
Pre-K Special Education Classrooms ......................... $576,000
Dyslexia Support ........................................... $92,000

NON PAYROLL
$2.38 MILLION

Literacy and Intervention .................................... $1.12 million
Expand RISE Academies (Saturday acceleration) ........ $520,000
Community in Schools Support ............................. $305,000
Summer Programming ...................................... $215,500
ARD/Evaluation Support .................................... $160,000
Student Recovery Support .................................. $35,000
Extracurricular Learning Activities ......................... $25,000
Dyslexia Support ........................................... $3,000

EXPENDITURES AS OF DECEMBER 2022

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