

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. **So far, RISD has received approximately 66% (\$46.4 million) of the district's total anticipated ESSER III allocation of \$69.5 million.** ESSER III funds have not been utilized to implement the RISD Return to Learning Plan (The Blueprint).

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.

RISD is not waiting on the full arrival of ESSER III funds to implement this comprehensive plan. 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 and these funds will not supplant any other district budget.

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.

Plan Allocations Include:

Accelerated Learning Plan:

Math and Reading Interventions and Interventionists
\$8 million

Kindergarten and First Grade Support Teachers
\$5.86 million

Summer Programming
\$5.81 million

Class Size Reduction and Remediation
\$9.7 million

Student Recovery Support
\$50,000

Extracurricular Learning Activities
\$1.8 million

SEL Support
\$1 million

ARD/Evaluation Support
\$160,000

Expand RISE Academies (Saturday acceleration)
\$2.5 million

Improving Student Outcomes:

Literacy and Intervention
\$1.475 million

Community in Schools Support
\$560,000

Dyslexia Support
\$515,000

Pre-K Special Education Classrooms
\$486,000

Special Education Support
\$160,000