

Matagorda Independent School District
ESSER III Use of Funds Plan
(Grant Life 2020/2021 – 2023/2024)

Entitlement: \$188,341

Purpose: The ESSER III Grant is federally funded through the American Rescue Plan (ARP). The intent and purpose of the ARP ESSER III funding is to help safely reopen and sustain the safe operation of schools and address the impact of the coronavirus pandemic on students. ESSER III is a two-year grant which allows for pre-award costs and carry-over funds to extend to a third year. Generally, the District proposes to use the funds to meet the needs of students and staff addressing instructional continuity, maintaining a safe and healthy environment, allowable salaries, and issues that are related to the impact of COVID-19.

Public comment and input was provided through an advisory committee of stakeholders, input/comments from the community solicited through a newspaper notice, and public notification and comment taken during the July Board Meeting. Input data from these sources was considered for the final *Use of Funds Plan* implemented in the ESSER III Federal Grant Application submitted to the Texas Education Agency.

The *ESSER III Use of Funds Plan* will be reviewed to determine if revisions are needed every six months through September 30, 2024.

The following activities will be addressed with ESSER III funding:

- **Providing mental health services and support (A15)** ***\$ 1,000**
 - Social/emotional and mental health support will be provided through onsite training/presentations to meet student/staff needs

- **Providing Classroom Instruction during Summer months (A16)** ***\$ 24,000**
 - Extended year summer school to address learning loss – extra duty pay for summer school personnel

- **Providing Classroom Instruction through Supplemental Afterschool Programs (A17)** ***\$36,000**
 - Extended day tutoring to address learning loss – extra duty pay for tutors

- **Learning loss among District students – Implementing evidence-based activities to meet the comprehensive needs of students (B2)** ***\$ 50,550**
 - Edgenuity Curriculum Software – K-8 intervention and enrichment; courses and curriculum; credit recovery; test prep; and professional development

➤ Other activities necessary to maintain the operation of and continuity of services (B10)	\$ 5,650
○ Grant technical assistance and compliance monitoring	
➤ Other activities necessary to continue to employ existing District staff (B10)	\$ 37,475
○ Kindergarten Teacher salary and benefits	
➤ Indirect Costs including activities to administer grant and other allowable general fund uses	\$ 33,666

*USDE spending set-aside requirement - minimum of 20% of entitlement to address learning loss and academic impact of loss of instruction time. McDade ISD has designated **59%** of ESSER III funds toward specific learning loss strategies.

- *Activities include evidence-based interventions, such as extended day afterschool interventions, extended year summer school, instructional curriculum software; counselor mental health support; and ensuring interventions respond to students' academic, social, and emotional needs and address disproportionate impact of coronavirus on student populations.*