

COVID Update: Impact of Funding

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ESSER Funding Allowability

- Unprecedented amounts of federal grant funds to districts and charter schools
- ESSER I – supplanted by state; expended already
- ESSER II – partially supplanted by state; districts have funds to expend
- ESSER III – district has total discretion on use of funds
 - ✓ 20% required for addressing learning loss including academic, social emotional, and mental health needs of students and staff

ESSER I	ESSER II	ESSER III
\$1.2B	\$5.5B	\$12.4B



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ESSER Grants Documenting Allowability

LEA must justify uses of funds and document for auditor

- Reasonable and necessary cost
 - cost a prudent person would pay under the circumstances prevailing at the time the decision was made to incur the cost for activity that is part of a plan
- Aligned with ESSER statute
 - to prevent, prepare for, or respond to the COVID-19 pandemic, including its impact on the social, emotional, mental health, and academic needs of students
- Aligned to statutorily allowable use of funds
 - One of the allowable uses on pp.10-12 at <https://tea.texas.gov/sites/default/files/esser-side-by-side.pdf>



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