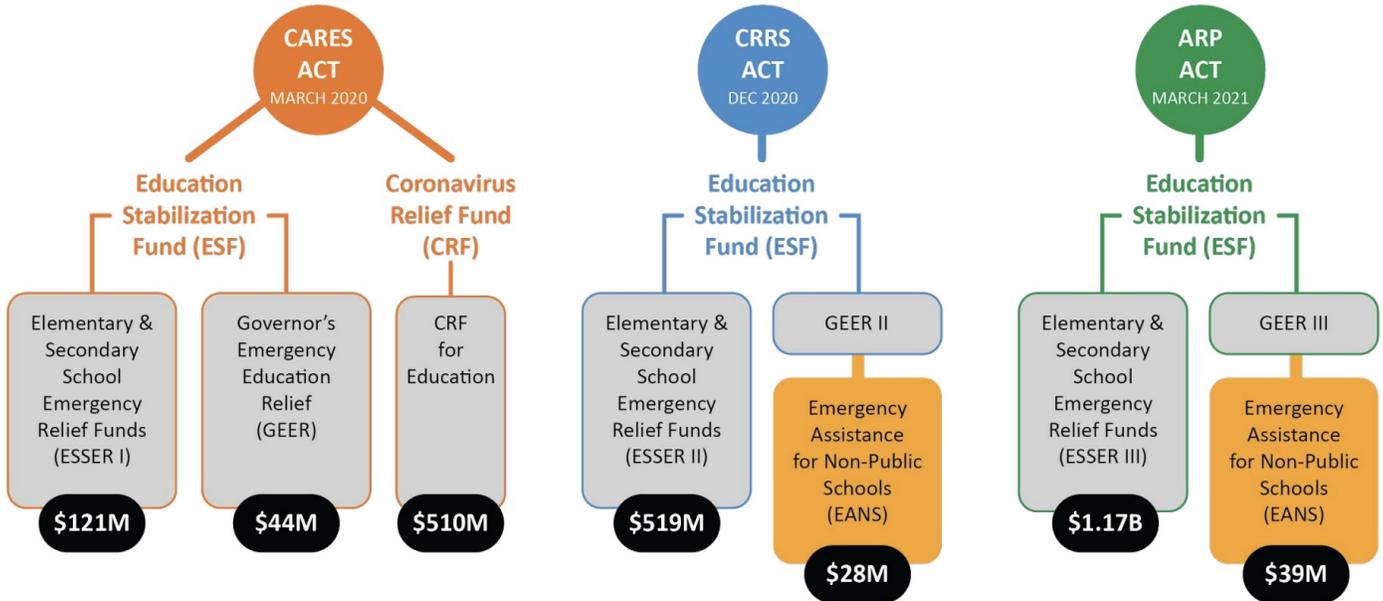


Walsh School District

Federal Stimulus Funding for Colorado

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, Congress passed three stimulus bills that include funding for education: the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act (March 2020); the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations (CRRSA) Act (December 2020); and the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act (March 2021).



Source: CDE FPP Meeting Slides- 6.24.2021

How much ESSER funding went to Walsh School District and how is it being used?

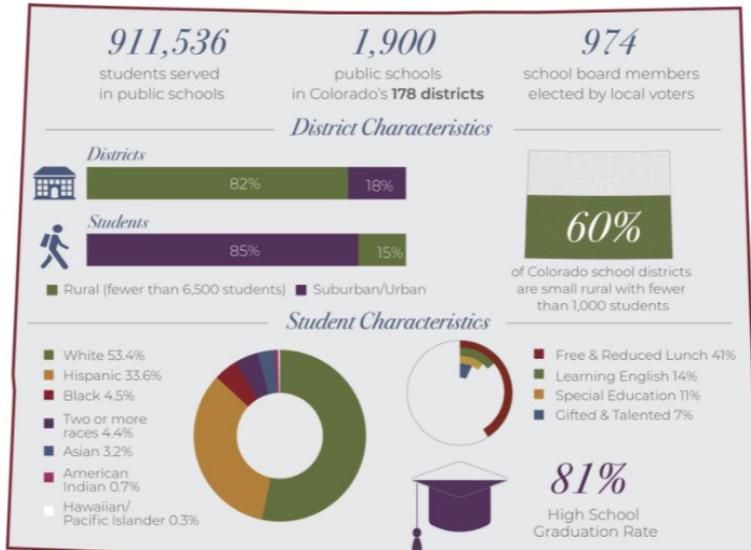
ESSER I (CARES Act)	ESSER II (CRRS Act)	ESSER III (ARP Act)
\$34,614 Addressed immediate crisis	\$128,144 Stability & managing the health crisis	\$287,794 Recovery and Acceleration
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Purchased new school bus • Extended summer school program • Curriculum for summer school 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • • • 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Purchase of a school bus • Hiring a learning interventionist • Hiring an additional teacher for HS reading and math support

How much has the shortfall in state share been for Walsh School District?

Since 2009-10, the state has not been able to fully meet its constitutional obligation to equalize funding for school districts and the loss in state share has been tracked by the Budget Stabilization Factor (formerly known as the Negative Factor).

- **Cumulative loss since 2009-10: \$2.4 million**
- **Loss in the 2021-22 school year: \$160,174**

A look at Colorado students



Source: Colorado Education Facts and Figures, Colorado Department of Education

A look at our district students

150

Number of students

85 (57%)

Free and reduced lunch

*** (*%)**

Learning English

21 (14%)

Special Education

*** (*%)**

Gifted and Talented

69% / 31%

Ratio of State / Local share

How will students be supported through the use of federal stimulus dollars?

The federal stimulus dollars are a once-in-a-generation opportunity to support our students and to address the multi-year effects of the COVID-19 pandemic. Colorado spends less on education per student than most other states, with low teacher pay limiting school districts' ability to recruit and retain highly qualified teachers. While the stimulus dollars are one-time resources, they can provide strong foundational support through 2024 and beyond.

Did you know that Coloradans, including young Coloradans who have experienced enormous disruptions to school, social activities, and support networks, resulting in increased isolation and, in many cases, new or exacerbated instability, particularly as a result of a parent's loss of employment or stable housing? Even before the pandemic, Colorado ranked in the bottom half of states for prevalence of mental illness and access to care. In 2018, Colorado had the seventh highest suicide rate in the nation, and suicide is the leading cause of death among Colorado youth. (source)

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