**Anton ISD**

**ARP ESSER III Use of Funds Plan**

The ARP ESSER III grant program is authorized in the [American Rescue Plan Act (ARP),](https://tea.texas.gov/sites/default/files/esser-statute-iii.pdf) signed into law in March 2021. This application will provide funding to the district in two major categories. One area would address the student learning loss due to COVID-19 and the second area would address the safe re-opening of the public-school district. The application also deals with other areas related to COVID-19 issues such as retaining employees, operational needs of the school district due to COVID-19 issues, and teacher support. The period of availability for ARP ESSER III grant funds is from March 13, 2020 (with pre-award), to September 30, 2024 (with carryover). The intent and purpose of the ARP Act of 2021, 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.

Anton ISD is proposing to utilize their Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund (ARP ESSER) allocation over the following school years:

* 2021-2022
* 2022-2023
* 2023-2024

For the following proposed items as identified by stakeholders:

* Salaries of instructional staff to address the academic impact of lost instructional time among LEA students and respond to their academic, social, emotional, and mental health needs.
* Replacement of HVAC units
* Professional Development
* Instructional technology for classrooms.
* Instructional software programs to assist in academic learning loss.
* Supplemental core content curriculum