

Blue Hill Community Schools ARP ESSER III Use of Funds Plan

In March 2021, President Biden signed the American Rescue Plan Act (ARP) into law. It included \$122 billion in Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief III (ESSER III) funds for K-12 school districts throughout the United States.

Blue Hill Community Schools (BHCS) has been awarded \$305,610 in ARP ESSER III funds. BHCS will utilize ESSER funding throughout 2021-2022 to the 2023-2024 school years. To account for the learning loss, BHCS will use 20% of the ESSER III funds, or \$61,122, to accelerate learning, and account for learning loss.

The highest priority has been given to find the most effective way to use these funds for addressing learning loss among students, including academic, social, emotional, and mental health needs of all students; including students from low-income families, students of color, English learners, children with disabilities, students experiencing homelessness, children in foster care, and migratory students.

ARP ESSER III Use of Funds

- Learning Loss Allocation \$61,122
 - Addressing learning loss among students, including academic, social, emotional, and mental health needs.
 - Purchase and implement new evidence-based curriculums for English Language Arts, Math, and Social Studies
- Comprehensive After School Programs \$60,000
 - An afterschool program allows all K-12 students to receive extra instruction or tutoring help from teachers.
 - Funds used for teacher salaries and benefits
- Purchasing Educational Technology \$70,836
 - Hardware- Chromebooks, iPads, Laptops
 - Software- Google Administration, Warranties, Protective Cases, GoGuardian, Gaggle, etc.
- Prevention and Mitigation Strategies: CDC Health Protocols \$113,652
 - Add a daily preschool bus route.
 - A new route will increase the separation between students as they ride to and from school and decrease the time students are exposed to each other.

The Nebraska Department of Education approved the BHCS Plan for ARP ESSER III funds for Education on November 4, 2021.

