

American Rescue Plan Act (ARP) Use of Funds Plan

On May 19, 2021, Mid-Del Public Schools received roughly 28 million dollars through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARP) to continue our efforts to prevent, prepare for, and respond to COVID-19. The Mission of Mid-Del is for our students to be safe, challenged, and ready. The relief funds will be used to support the mission of our district and best serve our students, families, and staff.

The Use of Funds Plan was created using stakeholder input through surveys, committee meetings, and the comprehensive needs assessment process that took place during the 2020-2021 school year through the Office of Educational Quality and Accountability.

In order to meet the academic needs of our students as a result of COVID-19, 20% of the funds have been used to address the academic impact of lost instructional time. The remainder of the funds will be used to support the comprehensive needs of the district.

The Use of Funds Plan includes the following areas:

- ☐ Prevention and Mitigation of COVID-19
- ☐ Learning Loss
- ☐ Unique needs of our most vulnerable students
- ☐ Other ARP Needs

Prevention and Mitigation of COVID-19

In person learning will take place during the 2022-2023 school year. The Mid-Del Safe Return to Learn Plan addresses the specific ways in which the district will clean, sanitize, and limit student exposure to COVID-19. The use of ARP funds will include custodial services, sanitation projects, efforts to improve air quality (HVAC), and other safety measures.

Stakeholders consider the health and safety of our students and staff a high priority. ARP funds will provide district-wide cleaning services, to continue our efforts to prevent, prepare for, and respond to COVID-19.

One-to-one technology for PK-12 students, along with the use of Canvas (Learning Management System), will prevent a disruption in learning due to quarantine or school closure.

Learning Loss

The district reserved, as required, 20% of the funds to address the learning challenges that are a result of lost instructional time due to COVID-19. ARP funds were used to provide evidence-based interventions, resources, and instructional practices. This included, but was not limited to the following:

- Summer learning opportunities for PK-12
- Technology to support in-person and remote instruction
- Early/Adolescent Literacy Curriculum and Materials
- Teacher professional development to improve teacher effectiveness

The district will continue to support the learning loss needs beyond the required 20% and monitor and evaluate the effectiveness of the interventions in order to ensure the learning loss needs of the students are being met.

Unique Needs of Our Most Vulnerable Students

Mid-Del Public Schools is committed to serving the needs of ALL students, but especially those that were most impacted by COVID-19. The academic, social, emotional, and mental health needs are a high priority based on survey results. The unique needs of our students will be addressed through, but are not limited to the following:

- Systems of Support and Intervention (academic and behavior)
- Social/Emotional learning curriculum
- Telehealth mental health services for students and staff
- School supplies
- Devices per student
- Meals
- Technology
- Licensed counselors

Other Needs

The impact of COVID-19 on the district as a whole will be ongoing and oftentimes unpredictable. The use of ARP funds, beyond the 20% required for learning loss, may be used to support other activities necessary to maintain the operation and continuity of services and to employ existing staff. As the needs of the district evolve, stakeholders will be involved in the plan revision process.

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