

Freeport Public Schools



American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)
July 2021-September 2024



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New York has been allocated nearly \$9 billion in funding from the Federal Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund (ARP-ESSER) allocated by the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) of 2021, with a minimum of \$8.09 billion (90 percent) going to local education agencies, including public schools. School Districts who receive ARP-ESSER funding are need to post on the website a plan of how these funds will be spent. Freeport Public Schools has been allocated \$21,416,267.

The Freeport Public Schools plan addresses allocation requirements and provides a framework for how the funding will be utilized. ARPA requires not less than five percent of the total amount of grant funds carryout activities to address learning loss by supporting the implementation of evidence-based interventions; not less than one percent to carry out the implementation of evidence based summer enrichment programs; and not less than one percent to carry out the implementation of evidence based comprehensive after school programs. It is also required that Local Education Agencies (LEAs) spend another twenty percent of the unallocated funding to address learning loss. This funding has been allocated to Freeport Public Schools as the grants listed below and the amounts are as prescribed by the ARPA requirements. These amounts are indicated in the table below.

In addition to the academic and social growth of our students, their health, safety, and well-being continues to be a top priority for our schools as we follow the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) guidelines. Freeport Public Schools' plan will be re-evaluated, revised and updated over the next three years to ensure that the changing needs of our student population are addressed appropriately and funding is efficiently and effectively utilized.

ARPA Funding Allocations:

<u>Type of Funding</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Timeframe</u>
Summer Enrichment Grant	\$1,428,600*	7/1/2021-9/30/2024
After School Grant	\$1,428,600*	7/1/2021-9/30/2024
Learning Loss	\$9,426,053*	7/1/2021-9/30/2024
Other Allowable Ventilation/Air Quality and Special Projects,Building Repair, Technology, COVID Related Expenses	\$9,133,014	7/1/2021-9/30/2024
Total	\$21,416,267	

*Allocations as prescribed by ARPA



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Freeport Public Schools Spending Categories:

<u>Description</u>	<u>Funding Type</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Time Frame</u>
Summer School and Enrichment	Summer Enrichment Grant	\$1,428,600	7/1/2021-9/30/2024
Extended Day, After School and Saturday Academies	After School Grant	\$1,428,600	7/1/2021-9/30/2024
<u>Learning Loss</u>			
Activities to Address unique needs of low-income learners, students with disabilities and English Language Learners	Learning Loss	\$ 2,557,563	7/1/2021-9/30/2024
Supports for Student Learning-Curriculum Materials, Staffing, Equipment	Learning Loss	\$5,678,490	7/1/2021-9/30/2024
Mental Health and Social Emotional Support Services	Learning Loss	\$1,190,000	7/1/2021-9/30/2024
<u>Learning Loss Total: \$9,426,053</u>			
Ventilation/Air Quality and Special Projects, Building Repair, Technology, COVID Related Expenses	Other Allowable	\$9,133,014	7/1/2021-9/30/2024
Total		\$21,416,267	



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Overview of Freeport Public Schools' Spending Categories:

Summer School and Enrichment - \$1,428,600

Summer School and Summer Enrichment programs have been significantly expanded in the district beginning in the Summer of 2021. The expanded K-8 Summer School includes academic intervention, language, literacy, STEM, athletics, the arts and preparation classes for advanced math. The district's Extended School Year - Special Education Summer School is an IEP driven program with academic services to prevent regression and related services. Summer School for Freeport High School students includes credit recovery, courses for advancement, dual enrollment opportunities, independent study and mentoring for students needing extra support.

Extended Day, After School and Saturday Academies - \$1,428,600

A robust offering of Instructional support and enrichment opportunities for K-12 both after school and on Saturdays will be scheduled throughout the school year. Programs will include but are not limited to:

- ST Math Academy for grades K-4
- High School Mentoring Academy for grades 9-12
- After School Extra Help Hour Daily for grades 7-8
- Expanded Academic Enrichment After School Programs in all K-12 buildings
- After School Fitness Program for grades K-12

Activities to Address unique needs of low-income learners, students with disabilities and English Language Learners- \$2,557,563

Specialized curriculum materials, staffing, and professional development to support low-income learners, English Language Learners and Students with Disabilities, will include:

- New SIFE (Students with Interrupted Formal Education) Curriculum and professional development
- Bilingual Instructional Coach
- Digital Instructional Platform for Dual Language and Transitional Bilingual Classes
- Intensive reading support for Special Education students
- Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) curriculum development and audit
- DEI classroom materials and staff development
- Increased Guidance Department support for college and career counseling at Freeport High School
- National Geographic LOOK for ENL students
- Expanded Freeport High School ENL Mentoring Program
- PAES Lab



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Mental Health and Social Emotional Support Services- \$1,190,000

Mental health and social emotional learning for students and staff remain a priority in our schools. The following programs, staffing, materials, and curriculum resources are included in our ARP-ESSER plan.

- Cohen's Behavioral Health Clinic
- Expanded hours for Guidance and PPS support for students, staff, and families K-12
- Upstream Prevention Program for grades K-2 and 7-12
- Sources of Strength Program for grades 3-6
- Consultant services for Social Emotional Learning (SEL) and Mental Health training for all district staff
- Increased PPS staffing with a focus on SEL curriculum implementation

Supports for Student Learning-Curriculum Materials, Staffing, Equipment- \$5,678,490

Academic intervention and differentiated instruction will be necessary to meet the needs of students at all grade levels. The following are curriculum materials, staffing and equipment that will support small group and individualized instruction to meet the needs of students in grades K-12:

- Increased staffing for Academic Intervention Services K-12
- Increased SAT preparation course opportunities for grades 10-11
- Updated differentiated ELA curriculum with digital component for grades 5-8
- Updated differentiated Math curriculum with digital component for grades K-8
- New Social Studies curriculum materials including differentiated reading materials and digital resources for grades K-8
- ST Math intervention program grades K-6
- Waggle Math Support Program and professional development for for grades 7-8
- Flexible furniture to support collaborative and flexible learning environments for grades K-12
- Hand-on materials for Science K-12

Ventilation/Air Quality and Special Projects, Building Repair, Technology, COVID Related Expenses- \$9,133,014

Other allowable expenses for the use of these funds include but are not limited to expenses related to COVID, technology, building repairs, ventilation, and other special projects. Funds are being allocated for the below expenses and/or other additional allowable projects.

- Building Repairs and Special Projects will include inspection, testing, maintenance, repair, replacement and upgrade projects to improve the indoor air quality in school facilities, including mechanical and non- mechanical heating, ventilation, and air conditioning systems, filtering, purification and other aircleaning, fans, control systems, and window and door replacement and other additional allowable projects.



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- School facility repairs and improvements to enable the operation of schools to reduce the risk of virus transmission and exposure to environmental health hazards, and to support other student health needs.
- Wireless access for students and staff both in the district and in their homes is vital to our educational programming. Funds will be used to upgrade wireless switches districtwide to ensure adequate wireless connectivity in all areas of the school district.
- Wireless Hotspots will continue to be provided and maintained for students who do not currently have access to reliable internet service in their home.
- Chromebook repairs and replacements necessary to maintain student access.
- Increased access to virtual meeting platforms for professional meetings, district and school virtual events and student instruction when appropriate.

Stakeholder Input

Freeport Public Schools has prioritized the engagement of stakeholders throughout this challenging school year including soliciting input in creating the district's plan for the use of ARPA funds. Input from students, families, administrators, teachers, staff, and community members has helped ensure that these funds are used in ways that are reflective of perspectives and priorities of the entire school community.

Comments or questions regarding this plan can be directed to (516) 867-5201.

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