

Licking Valley Local Schools ARP ESSER Plan

As a part of the requirements of the ARP ESSER funding, Licking Valley Local Schools has created this landing page to publicly display our plan along with additional required items. Comments, questions, or feedback to this plan should be directed to Superintendent, David Hile, Ed.D, hiled@lickingvalley.k12.oh.us.

Safe Return of In-Person Instruction & Continuity of Services

Licking Valley Local Schools was fortunate to start the 2020-21 school year with a five-day-a-week in-person option for our families. Our safe return policies and procedures have been shared with our community on the School Openings Requirements for Fall 2020 on each of the school buildings webpages all school year. Updates to this plan were made throughout the school year as guidance changed. We will continue to update this information to reflect the most recent guidance and policies as we look to the 2021-22 school year. Our plan for the 2021-22 school year will be to once again have students in person five days a week. You will find the link by selecting the school building for which you are interested, then click the Licking Valley Local Schools Opening Requirement link.

Use of ARP ESSER Funds

Licking Valley Local Schools finalized our plan for the ARP ESSER Funds. The plan was developed with input from our teachers, Principals, Board of Education, and our community. A community forum was held June 14th to discuss the proposed plan. Community members in attendance agreed with the plan as it was presented. The plan will be reviewed and amended as deemed necessary, with input from our stakeholders. The components of our ARP ESSER Plan follow:

Address Learning Loss

The district will add five learning loss remedial instruction positions for Kindergarten, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th grade. These positions will be held by licensed teachers who will deliver additional instruction to students identified as needing additional assistance. The positions will be full time for the 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 school years. In addition, an additional permanent second grade teaching position will be added to maintain classroom sizes to promote learning. This position will be funded by ARP ESSER for the 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 school years. Students may also receive after school tutoring if deemed necessary.

Middle school and high school students lacking credits, or in need of remedial instruction will be offered after school tutoring as well as on-line coursework. Tutoring hours as well as the digital coursework will be funded by ARP ESSER.

MAP assessments will be used in lower grades to determine students with the greatest need of remedial assistance.

Address Transportation Needs

Greater than 60% of our total number of students are transported by our school buses. Our buses travel 108 square miles per day. Our students and parents rely on our buses to safely deliver their children to and from school each day. To assure student safety we will purchase three new buses from ARP ESSER.

Student Technology

Our middle school and high school students benefit from 1:1 Chromebooks. ARP ESSER will fund this initiative for two school years. The district will also allocate ESSER funds to pay for software applications used throughout the district to deliver instruction.

High School Window Replacement

Our high school's windows need to be replaced as they are more than twenty years old. Many are deteriorating and are causing the HVAC to be less efficient. We anticipate replacing all windows in the high school during Spring/Summer of 2022.

Cleaning and Sanitizing

The district will continue to cleanse and sanitize buildings based on CDC, State, and local guidelines to reduce the spread of communicable disease, including COVID-19. ARP ESSER will fund this protocol for 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 school years.