

American Rescue Plan Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ARP ESSER) Fund

The Academy Charter School (Hempstead)
& The Academy Charter School - Uniondale
Proposed Plan Outline

What is ARP-ESSER?

On March 11, 2021, the President signed into law the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARP). New York State has been allocated nearly \$9 billion in ARP Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) funds. The Academy has been allocated \$2,642,591 for the Academy Charter School (Hempstead) and \$632,075 for the Academy Charter School (Uniondale). These funds are focused on:

- Supporting the safe return to in-person instruction and continuity of services;
- Addressing the impact of lost instructional time through the implementation of evidence-based interventions, such as summer learning or summer enrichment, extended day, comprehensive afterschool programs, or extended school year programs;
- Ensuring that such interventions respond to students' academic, social, and emotional needs; and
- Addressing the disproportionate impact of the coronavirus on economically disadvantaged students, children with disabilities, English learners, racial and ethnic minorities, migrant students, students experiencing homelessness, and children and youth in foster care.

How can these funds be used? *

- At least 20% of their allocation to address learning loss through the implementation of evidence-based interventions, such as summer learning or summer enrichment, extended day, comprehensive afterschool programs, or extended school year programs, and ensure that such interventions respond to students' academic, social, and emotional needs and address the disproportionate impact of the coronavirus on economically disadvantaged students, children with disabilities, English learners, racial and ethnic minorities, migrant students, students experiencing homelessness, and children and youth in foster care.

How can these funds be used? *

- Any activity authorized by the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965.
- Any activity authorized by the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act.
- Activities to address the unique needs of low-income children or students, children with disabilities, English learners, racial and ethnic minorities, students experiencing homelessness, and foster care youth, including how outreach and service delivery will meet the needs of each population.
- Developing and implementing procedures and systems to improve the preparedness and response efforts of local educational agencies.
- Training and professional development for staff of the local educational agency on sanitation and minimizing the spread of infectious diseases
- Purchasing supplies to sanitize and clean the facilities of a local educational agency, including buildings operated by such agency
- Planning for, coordinating, and implementing activities during long-term closures, including providing meals to eligible students, providing technology for online learning to all students, providing guidance for carrying out requirements under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act and ensuring other educational services can continue to be provided consistent with all Federal, State, and local requirements.
- Purchasing educational technology (including hardware, software, and connectivity) for students who are served by the local educational agency that aids in regular and substantive educational interaction between students and their classroom instructors, including low-income students and children with disabilities, which may include assistive technology or adaptive equipment.
- Planning and implementing activities related to summer learning and supplemental afterschool programs, including providing classroom instruction or online learning during the summer months and addressing the needs of low-income students, children with disabilities, English learners, migrant students, students experiencing homelessness, and children in foster care.

Consultation

- **An LEA must engage in meaningful consultation with stakeholders and give the public an opportunity to provide input into the development of its plan.** Seek public comment from LEA stakeholders on the draft Plan and take those comments into account in the development of the final Plan.
 - STAKEHOLDERS must include the following: Students, Families, School Building Administrators, LEA Administrators, Special Education Administrators, Teachers, Principals, School Leaders, Other Educators, School Staff, Unions *(if applicable)*, Native American Nations, Civil Rights Organizations *(including disability rights organizations)*, Organizations representing the rights of: children with disabilities, English Learners, children experiencing homelessness, children in foster care, migratory students, children who are incarcerated *(not applicable to charter schools)*, and other underserved students.

Proposed List of Activities - The Academy Charter School (Hempstead)

- Expanded Summer School Program 2021
- Expanded Summer School Program 2022
- 150 Laptops and 300 wireless hotspots to assist with distance learning
- Additional Network Storage
- 1.5 Bilingual Teachers
- 9.5 Classroom Monitors

Proposed List of Activities - The Academy Charter School - Uniondale

- Expanded Summer School Program 2021
- Expanded Summer School Program 2022
- 30 Laptops to assist with distance learning
- Diesel Generator

ARPA Funding Allocation - The Academy Charter School (Hempstead)

Description	Type of Funding	Amount	Timeframe
Summer School and Enrichment	Summer Enrichment	\$ 1,635,994 *	7/1/2021 - 9/30/2024
Activities to Address unique needs of low-income learners, students with disabilities and English Language Learners	Learning Loss	\$ 646,200 *	7/1/2021 - 9/30/2024
Technology, Ventilation/Air Quality	Other Allowable	\$ 360,397	7/1/2021 - 9/30/2024
	Total	\$ 2,642,591	

* Allocation as prescribed by ARPA

ARPA Funding Allocation - The Academy Charter School - Uniondale

Description	Type of Funding	Amount	Timeframe
Summer School and Enrichment	Summer Enrichment	\$ 453,476 *	7/1/2021 - 9/30/2024
Technology and Building Repair	Other Allowable	\$ 178,599	7/1/2021 - 9/30/2024
	Total	\$ 632,075	

* Allocation as prescribed by ARPA