



## American Rescue Plan 7% Set Aside DVSD - Draft Plan

The state had reserved (10%) a portion of the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Funds in their initial allocation for ESSER III. Now 7% of these reserved funds are being designated to school districts and other LEAs based upon the 2020-2021 Title IA allocations. This 7% set aside provides an additional \$365,405 in ARP funds to Delaware Valley. There are required designations built into this fund.

Specifically, funds need to be used to address:

- Learning Loss
- Summer School
- After School Programs
- Social, Emotional and Mental Health
- Professional Development for Social, Emotional, and Mental Health

Learning loss must be addressed through evidenced based interventions and the remainder of the funds can be used for a broad array of programs and providing professional training; extending the school day or year; making technology purchases etc.

Upon receipt of these guidelines we reached out to a variety of community stakeholders, community agencies, and service providers to ask for input into the ARP 7% set aside plan. We received a variety of suggestions on multiple topics. Below is an overview of the draft plan:

- Expand our summer learning opportunities for elementary Title I and Special Education students. (\$60,000) \$30,000/year 2022 & 2023
- Provide free in-person credit recovery summer school for secondary students. (\$60,000) \$30,000/year 2022 & 2023
- Offer an afterschool program 5 days per week for high risk secondary special education students for 160 days (Students with autism/multiple disabilities). (\$51,000 = \$25,500/year) 2022-23, 2023-24.
- Create a sensory room for secondary to address social/behavioral needs of special education students. (\$10,000)
- Expand the secondary co-curricular offerings to include an eSports program for middle and high school students. (\$55,000)
- Provide professional development to grade level and department leaders on professional learning communities, identifying scientifically based learning practices, data analysis and creating curricular norms. (\$30,000)
- Train elementary special education teachers in Orton-Gillingham Multisensory Reading Instruction (\$25,000).

- Additional academic and behavioral supports/programs for students and professional development faculty. (\$104,401)

The 7% Set Aside ARP grant is to be submitted on or before November 29, 2021. Additional feedback and suggestions should be sent via to [askdv@dvsd.org](mailto:askdv@dvsd.org)

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