ESSA/ESSER Funding Guide

A simple guide on available federal funds and relief funds for schools and districts.
ESSA Federal Funding Sources

The Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) reauthorizes the 50-year-old Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA), the nation's national education law that commits to providing equal opportunity for all students.

There are four ESSA funding sources available to schools and districts.

Title I
Title I provides funding to schools with a high number of students from low-income families to provide children with opportunities to receive an equitable and high-quality education. The funds can be used for supplemental instructional materials and professional development.

Title II
Title II funds are designed to foster high-quality teaching and leadership in schools and districts. The funds can be used for the professional development of teachers and leaders.

Title III
Title III funding supports supplemental services that improve the English language proficiency and academic achievement of English learners. The funds can be used for supplemental instructional materials or for student professional development.

Title IV
Title IV is a flexible grant that can be customized to support all students with access to a well-rounded education. This includes optimizing school conditions for student learning and supporting the effective use of technology to enhance the academic achievement and digital literacy of all students.

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The Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) Fund was enacted in March 2021 as part of the American Rescue Plan (ARP). It aims to support and re-engage students following the disruptive events from the COVID-19 pandemic for underrepresented student subgroups.

Flexible Funding
The US Department of Education has stated that school districts have much more flexibility in determining how best to use ESSER funds to meet a variety of needs. ESSER funds are not subject to ESSA-Title I requirements, including supplanting.

Why do the funds exist?
Rescue Plan ESSER funds were rolled out to address the immediate needs of schools and districts to address the loss of instructional time through the use of evidence-based solutions and practices.

How are ESSER funds released?

Available Funds & Timelines

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| **ESSER I** (Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief, $13.5 Billion) | **GEER I** (Governor’s Emergency Education Relief, $3 Billion) | **ESSER II** (Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief, $54 Billion) | **GEER II/EANS** (Governor’s Emergency Education Relief, Emergency Assistance to Non-Public Schools, $4 Billion / $2.75 Billion) | **ESSER III** (Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief, $122.8 Billion / $2.75 Billion) | **EANS II** (Emergency Assistance to Non-Public Schools, $2.75 Billion) |

Sources:
- https://osse.dc.gov/recoveryfunding
- https://www.future-ed.org/what-congressional-covid-funding-means-for-k-12-schools/
How Ellii Supports ESSA/ESSER Requirements

Get the most from federal funding by using Ellii’s exceptional content and interactive learning tools designed to ensure high academic standards.

Teach your best class every class

Modern, relatable topics
Re-engage students with lessons on current news, social and environmental issues, and noteworthy people, places, and events.

Learner-focused activities
Promote a student-driven learning environment with pair and group tasks that will get your students talking.

Skill-strengthening materials
Help your language learners significantly improve their reading, writing, listening, and speaking skills with our comprehensive lessons.

Effective search & filtering tools
Browse lessons by state standards, grade level, proficiency level, theme, target structure, or material type—all in just two clicks!

Curated collections
Access your thoughtfully organized content collections, grouped by theme or function, to quickly find the materials you need.
Provide equal access to experiences & opportunities for every learner

Get the most from federal funding and the Relief Act to ensure high academic standards for all students. Ellii meets the criteria for “evidence-based” as defined by ESSA and can be used with all four federal funding sources.

Have questions?

Should you have any funding questions or require further information, please contact Lei Kayanuma at lei@ellii.com.