

Section: Narratives - Assessing Impacts and Needs

SCHOOL ENTITY ARP ESSER APPLICATION

The Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) recognizes the extraordinary efforts made by School Entities, schools, and educators to support students during the COVID-19 pandemic. The application below requests information from School Entities about: (1) Needs and impacts resulting from the pandemic, (2) Stakeholder engagement in the development of plans to respond to these needs and impacts, (3) Specific elements in the School Entity Plan for the Use of ARP ESSER Funds; and (4) Plans for monitoring and measuring progress. As submitted and accepted by PDE in final form, this application shall become part of the Grant Agreement for ARP ESSER funds as Appendix B. As used in this application, "School Entity" refers to the Grantee defined in the Grant Agreement.

ARP ESSER includes a significant focus on vulnerable student populations. Given these requirements, as well as PDE's own equity commitments, the School Entity application includes specific fields requesting information on programs to serve student groups that have experienced disproportionate impacts from the pandemic. Student groups are inclusive of the following:

- Students from low-income families;
- Students from each racial or ethnic group (e.g., identifying disparities and focusing on underserved student groups by race or ethnicity);
- Gender (e.g., identifying disparities and focusing on underserved student groups by gender);
- English learners;
- Children with disabilities (including infants, toddlers, children, and youth with disabilities eligible under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act [IDEA]);
- Students experiencing homelessness;
- Children and youth in foster care;
- Migrant students; and
- Other groups disproportionately impacted by the pandemic that have been identified by the School Entity (e.g., youth involved in the criminal justice system, students who have missed the most in-person instruction during the 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 school years, students who did not consistently participate in remote instruction when offered during school building closures, and LGBTQ+ students).

Section I: Assessing Impacts and Needs

In this first section, School Entities are asked to describe the impact of the pandemic on their students, examine disproportionate impacts on specific student groups, and highlight the School Entity's promising practices in supporting student needs since March 2020.

Indicators of Impact

1. Understanding the Impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic: Describe how the School Entity has identified or will identify the extent of the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on student learning and well-being. Specifically, what methods (i.e., collecting and analyzing data and information from focus groups, surveys, and local assessment results) were used or will be used to identify and measure impacts in four key areas: (1) Academic

impact of lost instructional time, (2) Chronic absenteeism, (3) Student engagement, and (4) Social-emotional well-being?

	Methods Used to Understand Each Type of Impact
Academic Impact of Lost Instructional Time	Pressley Ridge routinely monitors academic achievement for all students across several domains. To assess academic impact and achievement, students' grades are augmented with scores from localized individual assessments such as the Kaufman Test of Educational Achievement (KTEA) on a yearly basis. Results from these assessments are compared over time to determine progress and areas in need of functional academic support or accommodation.
Chronic Absenteeism	Student attendance rates are closely monitored through use of Pressley Ridge's student information system, PowerSchool SIS. Staff members input attendance daily and use PowerSchool's custom attendance reports to track student performance. Staff review attendance data at the school, grade level, classroom, and individual student levels to identify trends and locate students having attendance issues (tardiness or chronic absenteeism).
Student Engagement	Student engagement is a core component of Pressley Ridge's model of care for educational services. During school hours, all classrooms utilize group process heavily to engage students in instructional tasks and to promote ownership in decision making. Over the course of the school year, both students and families routinely complete surveys that assess their perception of engagement and level of satisfaction with services. Staff members review individual results with individual student teams, and monitor school-level trends using interactive reports in Microsoft PowerBI
Social-emotional Well-being	Pressley Ridge uses the Social Skills Information System (SSiS) as a primary measure of social and emotional well-being. Staff members complete this scale for all students at intake/discharge, as well as on a yearly basis. The assessment allows for routine assessment of progress of social and emotional learning (SEL) subskills including Self Awareness, Self-Management, Social Awareness, Relationship Skills, and Responsible Decision Making. The scale also measures reduction in problem behaviors related to learning, as well as a global measure of SEL core skills.
Other Indicators	

Documenting Disproportionate Impacts

2. Identify the **student** groups in the School Entity that faced particularly significant impacts from the pandemic. For each, provide specific strategies that were used or will be used to identify and measure impacts.

Student Group	Provide specific strategies that were used or will be used to identify and measure impacts

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Children with disabilities (including infants, toddlers, children, and youth with disabilities eligible under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act [IDEA])	All of the students at Pressley Ridge School for the Deaf are in Special Education. The measurements indicated above have been and will continue to be utilized to monitor impact.

Reflecting on Local Strategies

3. Provide the School Entity’s assessment strategy that has been most effective in supporting the needs of students, in particular specific student groups most impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Strategies two and three below are optional.

	Strategy Description
Strategy #1	Pressley Ridge School for the Deaf routinely monitors academic achievement for all students across several domains. Each student's progress is individually monitored and interventions are provided to best meet their needs.

i. **Impacts that Strategy #1 best addresses:** (select all that apply)

- Academic impact of lost instructional time
- Chronic absenteeism
- Student engagement
- Social-emotional well-being
- Other impact

ii. **If Other is selected above, please provide the description here:**

iii. **Student group(s) that Strategy #1 most effectively supports:** (select all that apply)

- Students from low-income families
- Students from each racial or ethnic group (e.g., identifying disparities and focusing on underserved student groups by race or ethnicity)
- Gender (e.g., identifying disparities and focusing on underserved student groups by gender)

- English learners
- Children with disabilities (including infants, toddlers, children, and youth with disabilities eligible under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA))
- Students experiencing homelessness
- Children and youth in foster care
- Migrant students
- Other student groups: (provide description below)

iv. If Other is selected above, please provide the description here.

Reflecting on Local Strategies: Strategy #2

	Strategy Description
Strategy #2	

i. Impacts that Strategy #2 best addresses: (select all that apply)

- Academic impact of lost instructional time
- Chronic absenteeism
- Student engagement
- Social-emotional well-being
- Other impact

ii. If Other is selected above, please provide the description here:

iii. Student group(s) that Strategy #2 most effectively supports: (select all that apply)

- Students from low-income families
- Students from each racial or ethnic group (e.g., identifying disparities and focusing on underserved student groups by race or ethnicity)
- Gender (e.g., identifying disparities and focusing on underserved student groups by gender)

- English learners
- Children with disabilities (including infants, toddlers, children, and youth with disabilities eligible under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA))
- Students experiencing homelessness
- Children and youth in foster care
- Migrant students
- Other student groups: (provide description below)

iv. If Other is selected above, please provide the description here.

Reflecting on Local Strategies: Strategy #3

	Strategy Description
Strategy #3	

i. Impacts that Strategy #3 best addresses: (select all that apply)

- Academic Impact of Lost Instructional Time
- Chronic absenteeism
- Student engagement
- Social-emotional well-being
- Other impact

ii. If Other is selected above, please provide the description here:

iii. Student group(s) that Strategy #3 most effectively supports: (select all that apply)

- Students from low-income families
- Students from each racial or ethnic group (e.g., identifying disparities and focusing on underserved student groups by race or ethnicity)
- Gender (e.g., identifying disparities and focusing on underserved student groups by gender)

- English learners
- Children with disabilities (including infants, toddlers, children, and youth with disabilities eligible under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA))
- Students experiencing homelessness
- Children and youth in foster care
- Migrant students
- Other student groups: (provide description below)

iv. If Other is selected above, please provide the description here:

Section: Narratives - Engaging Stakeholders in Plan Development

Section II: Engaging Stakeholders in Plan Development

In this second section, School Entities are asked to provide information on how stakeholders will be engaged in planning for the use of ARP ESSER funds, how stakeholder input will be utilized, and how the School Entity will make its School Entity Plan for the Use of ARP ESSER Funds transparent to the public—all critical components in developing, implementing, and adjusting plans based on the differential impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.

4. Stakeholder Engagement

Describe how the School Entity, in planning for the use of ARP ESSER funds, has engaged or will engage in meaningful consultation with stakeholders. **(3,000 characters max)**

(Stakeholders include students; families; LEA representation, School Entity teachers; School Entity principals; School Entity leaders; other educators; school staff; and unions. In addition, to the extent that the following groups are present in or served by the School Entity, stakeholders also include community partners, civil rights organizations (including disability rights organizations); stakeholders representing the interests of children with disabilities, English learners, children experiencing homelessness, children and youth in foster care, migrant students, children who are incarcerated, and other underserved students; and tribes.)

Pressley Ridge School for the Deaf has staff members complete employee engagement surveys every year. Furthermore, parents/guardians, students, and stakeholders are asked to complete yearly satisfaction surveys.

5. Use of Stakeholder Input

Describe how the School Entity has taken or will take stakeholder and public input into account in the development of the School Entity Plan for the Use of ARP ESSER Funds. **(3,000 characters max)**

Pressley Ridge School for the Deaf received feedback on the surveys regarding pay and employee wellness. Parent/guardians, students and stakeholder surveys offered feedback related to keeping students with their teams of staff, meeting the social-emotional well-being of students through the pandemic.

6. Public Access to LEA Plan for the Use of ARP ESSER Funds

Describe the process for development, approval, and making public the School Entity Plan for the Use of ARP ESSER Funds. The School Entity Plan for the Use of ARP ESSER Funds must be made publicly available on the School Entity website and submitted to PDE within 90 days of School Entity receipt of ARP ESSER funding, must be written in a language that parents/caregivers can understand, and must be provided in alternate format upon request by a parent/caregiver who is an individual with a disability. **(3,000 characters max)**

Pressley Ridge School for the Deaf will outline the details of the wellness program we want to implement for both staff and students with the funds. We will also provide a list and description of professional development trainings we plan on offering with the funds. The information will also be

provided in American Sign Language.

Section: Narratives - Plan for ARP ESSER Funds

Section III: Plan for ARP ESSER Funds

In this third section, School Entities are asked to reflect on both the impacts and needs described in Section I and stakeholder engagement described in Section II to provide a description of the School Entity plan for the use of ARP ESSER funds, that address the impact of lost instructional time as required by section 2001(e)(1) of the ARP Act.

7. Plan for Funds

How will the School Entity spend its ARP ESSER funds as outlined in the fields below? Please select from the options below and provide an explanation.

1. Continuity of Services: How will the School Entity use ARP ESSER funds to sustain services to address students’ academic needs; students’ and staff social, emotional, and mental health needs; and student nutrition and food services, as applicable?
2. Access to Instruction: How will the School Entity use ARP ESSER funds to support the goals of increasing opportunity to learn and equity in instructional delivery, as applicable? Consider regular attendance/chronic absenteeism data from the 2020-21 school year, including data disaggregated by student groups, in developing the response.
3. Mitigation Strategies: How will the School Entity use ARP ESSER funds to support prevention and mitigation policies in line with the most up-to-date guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) for the reopening and operation of school facilities and transportation services to effectively maintain the health and safety of students, educators, and other staff, as applicable? Consider the School Entity’s Health and Safety Plan in developing the response.
4. Facilities Improvements: How will the School Entity use ARP ESSER funds to repair and improve school facilities to reduce risk of virus transmission, address environmental health hazards, and/or improve ventilation? Consider the School Entity's Health and Safety Plan in developing the response.
5. Staff Recruitment, Support, and Retention: How will the School Entity use ARP-ESSER funds to maintain staff and provide professional training and/or improve working conditions for staff?
6. Other, Summer School, Extended Day, Other Student Programs

Plan for Funds	Explanation
Staff Recruitment, Support, and Retention	Pressley Ridge School for the Deaf will continue to recruit and work to retain qualified staff member. PRSD will work with emergy certified educators to become Level 1 certified and will support completion of required graduate coursework for staff members. Professional devleopment will be provided for all staff members.

Section: Narratives - Monitoring and Measuring Progress

Section IV: Monitoring and Measuring Progress

In this fourth section, School Entities are asked to describe efforts to build local capacity to ensure high-quality data collection and reporting to safeguard funds for their intended purposes.

8. Capacity for Data Collection and Reporting

School Entities must continuously monitor progress and adjust strategies as needed. Describe the LEA’s capacity and strategy to collect and analyze data (disaggregated by student group, where applicable), for each of the following measures:

	Data Collection and Analysis Plan (including plan to disaggregate data)
Student learning, including academic impact of lost instructional time during the COVID-19 pandemic	Pressley Ridge staff will assess student learning and the impact of lost instructional time by triangulating multiple datasets used to track student progress in our program. These datasets include detailed attendance reports, academic achievement scales, Individualized Education Plan (IEP) goal attainment, measures of behavioral progress, and transition plan attainment rates. Each of these datasets can be disaggregated by particular student groups, and staff members will also review trends for students who miss instructional time due to concerns related to COVID-19 and school safety.
Opportunity to learn measures (see help text)	During the COVID-19 pandemic, Pressley Ridge has adapted instructional services to ensure safety and to increase flexibility, so all students’ education goes uninterrupted. Pressley Ridge offered connected devices to student in need, and when appropriate or necessary, moved services to online learning. Pressley Ridge monitors use of all educational assistive and remote learning devices through multiple cloud-based software platforms such as Apple and Google Classrooms. Pressley Ridge staff also use internal reports to identify active student instructional time and device usage during periods of remote learning.
Jobs created and retained (by number of FTEs and position type) (see help text)	Pressley Ridge will leverage a robust human resources data tracking system in PowerBI to tracking jobs created and retained. This system includes reports that demonstrate open and staffed positions, as well as staff retention rate. Our system also includes a recruiting “funnel” which allows staff to follow all prospective staff members through the recruiting, application, interviewing, and hiring processes. All employment data can be disaggregated by gender, ethnicity, disability status, job type, and job posting date to identify significant trends
Participation in programs funded by ARP ESSER resources (e.g., summer and afterschool programs)	Pressley Ridge School for the Deaf is a blended educational and residential program. Our services are offered year-round. As such, there are no specified or differentiated summer or afterschool programs. Students attend school throughout these months, and participation is monitored as part of routine practice.

Section: Narratives - ARP ESSER Prior Approval

ARP ESSER PRIOR APPROVAL

School Entities that wish to expend ESSER funds on facilities initiatives may be permitted to:

- make facility upgrades to comply with American Disabilities Act requirements
- upgrade HVAC systems
- remediate mold, lead, and other sources of poor indoor air quality
- install mechanical ventilation and/or advanced filtration systems
- replace windows to allow for improved intake of fresh air
- replace plumbing to ensure safe drinking water—among other upgrades that improve the health and safety of school buildings.

All **capital expenditures** supported with federal funds must be pre-approved by PDE. Capital expenditures means expenditures to acquire capital assets (i.e., land, facilities, or equipment over \$5,000 per unit) or expenditures to make additions, improvements, modifications, replacements, rearrangements, reinstallations, renovations, or alterations to capital assets that materially increase their value or useful life.

Construction means (A) the preparation of drawings and specifications for school facilities; (B) erecting, building, acquiring, altering, remodeling, repairing, or extending school facilities; (C) inspecting and supervising the construction of school facilities; and (D) debt service for such activities (ESEA section 7013(3), 20 U.S.C. § 7713(3)).

Directions: School Entities seeking prior approval for Construction/Renovation or Other Capital Expenditures must:

Complete the form for each contractor/project that will be supported with ARP ESSER funds. If using multiple vendors for one project, i.e., classroom expansion, enter total cost per vendor to equal the total budgeted cost of the “classroom expansion” project. Completed forms must be uploaded to this section. Prior to uploading forms, they must be signed off by your School Entity's Superintendent/CEO/Executive Director.

Will you be using a portion of your ARP ESSER funds for Construction and/or Other Capital Expenditures? If no please select 'No' and mark section complete.

No

In the table below, please provide the name and type (construction vs. other capital expenditure) of the proposed project and a brief description. Please enter each contractor/project on a separate line in the table.

Name of Proposed Project	Type of Project	Brief Description of Proposed Project

CHECK HERE - to assure that you have successfully uploaded your Prior Approval Form(s) if applicable.

Section: Narratives - Health and Safety Plan Upload and URL

SCHOOL ENTITY HEALTH AND SAFETY PLAN AND URL

Please upload your School Entity Health and Safety Plan and website URL below. Check the assurance indicating that you have completed your upload. Please name the file using your School Entity name followed by Health and Safety Plan. example: "*School Entity Name-Health and Safety Plan*"

School Entities are required to add the URL where the approved plan will be posted to the School Entity's public website. Please add the URL below.

<https://www.pressleyridge.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/PR-Schools-2021-2022-Health-Safety-Plan.pdf>



Check Here - to assure that you have successfully uploaded your School Entity Health and Safety Plan.

Section: Budget - Instruction Expenditures

BUDGET OVERVIEW

Budget

\$33,407.00

Allocation

\$33,407.00

Budget Over(Under) Allocation

\$0.00

INSTRUCTION EXPENDITURES

Function	Object	Amount	Description
1700 - Higher Education Programs	300 - Purchased Professional and Technical Services	\$32,000.00	tuition, fees, & book reimbursement
1400 - Other Instructional Programs – Elementary / Secondary	300 - Purchased Professional and Technical Services	\$1,407.00	Professional Development
		\$33,407.00	

Section: Budget - Support and Non-Instruction Expenditures

BUDGET OVERVIEW

Budget

\$33,407.00

Allocation

\$33,407.00

Budget Over(Under) Allocation

\$0.00

SUPPORT AND NON-INSTRUCTION EXPENDITURES

Function	Object	Amount	Description
		\$	
		\$0.00	

Section: Budget - Budget Summary

BUDGET SUMMARY

	100 Salaries	200 Benefits	300 Purchased Professional and Technical Services	400 Purchased Property Services	500 Other Purchased Services	600 Supplies 800 Dues and Fees	700 Property	Totals
1000 Instruction	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
1100 REGULAR PROGRAMS – ELEMENTARY / SECONDARY	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
1200 SPECIAL PROGRAMS – ELEMENTARY / SECONDARY	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
1300 CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
1400 Other Instructional Programs – Elementary / Secondary	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,407.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,407.00
1600 * ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAMS	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
1700 Higher Education Programs	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$32,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$32,000.00
1800 Pre-K	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
2000 SUPPORT SERVICES	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
2100 SUPPORT SERVICES – STUDENTS	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
2200 Staff Support Services	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
2300 SUPPORT SERVICES – ADMINISTRATION	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

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ARP ESSER APSs, PRRIs, and Charter Schools for the Deaf and Blind 2.5% Set Aside

	100 Salaries	200 Benefits	300 Purchased Professional and Technical Services	400 Purchased Property Services	500 Other Purchased Services	600 Supplies 800 Dues and Fees	700 Property	Totals
2400 Health Support Services	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
2500 Business Support Services	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
2600 Operation and Maintenance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
2700 Student Transportation	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
2800 Central Support Services	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
3000 OPERATION OF NON-INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
3100 Food Services	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
3200 Student Activities	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
3300 Community Services	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
4000 FACILITIES ACQUISITION, CONSTRUCTION AND IMPROVEMENT SERVICES	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$33,407.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$33,407.00
Approved Indirect Cost/Operational Rate:								\$0.00
Final								\$33,407.00

