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ESSER III, the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund grant program authorized under American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act, provides additional money for local educational agencies (LEAs) to prevent, prepare for, and respond to COVID-19. ESSER III supplements ESSER I, created by the CARES Act in March 2020, and ESSER II, created by the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations (CRRSA) Act in December 2020. [DPI](#)

The Sparta Area School District is expected to receive \$4,442,298 in ESSER III funding. The funds may be used to support our response to the COVID-19 pandemic and may be used through September 30, 2024. The funds are intended to help safely reopen and sustain the safe operation of schools and address the impact of the coronavirus pandemic.

It is required that school districts must **use a minimum of 20%** (\$888,460) to implement [evidence-based interventions](#) to address learning loss. In addition, school districts must ensure that interventions respond to students' social, emotional, and academic needs and address the disproportionate impact of COVID-19 on underrepresented student subgroups.

ESSER III Requirements

Requirement	Sparta Area School District
Develop and post a Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Service Plan	Sparta Area School District Safe Return to In-Person Instruction Plan
Develop a plan for ESSER III funds based on local stakeholder engagement.	Sparta Area School District ESSER III Stakeholder Input Session Slides (January 5, 2022) Sparta Area School District ESSER III Stakeholder Input Session Slides (January 25, 2022) Stakeholder Feedback Survey
Reserve 20% to implement Evidence Based Intervention Strategies to address learning	The Sparta Area School District will staff: 1. One school psychologist to address



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loss and respond to students' social, emotional, and academic needs and address the disproportionate impact of COVID-19 on underrepresented student groups.	students' social emotional needs (started in ESSER II) 2. ELL teachers to support our English Language Learners 3. Coaches to support teachers 4. Educational assistants to support students with disabilities and English Language Learners
Ensure maintenance of equity to high poverty schools and ensure costs charged to ESSER III prepare for, respond to, or prevent COVID-19.	The Sparta School District is serving all our schools and maintaining health and safety for schools.

Anticipated ESSER III Expenditures 2022-2023

**The Sparta School District will continue to review and revise throughout the 2022-2023 school year.

Category	Rational	Approximate Cost per year
*EBIS - Teachers	ELL (2), Psychologist (1), Coaches (3), Interventionist (1) to support English Language Learners, social emotional support for students, instructional and technology integration support for teachers	\$675,000
*EBIS - Educational Assistants	ELL, Regular Education, Special Education (6) to support English Language Learners, and students with disabilities	\$300,000
Sparta Virtual Learning Academy (SVLA) staffing	Continue virtual learning option (4 staff)	\$370,000
Sparta Virtual Learning Academy (SVLA) Courses and Fees	Continue virtual learning option	\$100,000
Health Aide	Continue health and safety for staff and students (2)	\$100,000



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Nutrition Services	Additional mitigation needs and costs for serving students in isolation/quarantine	\$50,000
Technology	Supporting 1 to 1 devices for students to provide an equitable education	\$550,000
Technology Platforms and resources	To maintain high quality instructional resources to support teaching and learning	\$170,000
Community Service	WIN - social emotional support	\$5,000
TOTAL COST FOR the 2022-2023 School YEAR		\$2,320,000

Anticipated ESSER III Expenditures 2023-2024

**The District is anticipating providing similar services for the 2023-2024 school year. The District will also reassess the needs of the District after the first year to determine which services are still needed based on the requirements for the second year of the funding.

Category	Rational	Approximate Cost per year
*EBIS - Teachers	ELL (2), Psychologist (1), Coaches (3) to support English Language Learners, social emotional support for students, instructional and technology integration support for teachers	\$600,000
*EBIS - Educational Assistants	ELL, Regular Education, Special Education (6) to support English Language Learners, and students with disabilities	\$325,000
Sparta Virtual Learning Academy (SVLA) staffing	Continue virtual learning option (4 staff)	\$400,000
Sparta Virtual Learning Academy (SVLA) Courses	Continue virtual learning option	\$100,000



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and Fees		
Health Aide	Continue health and safety for staff and students (2)	\$110,000
Nutrition Services	Additional mitigation needs and costs for serving students in isolation/quarantine	\$50,000
Math Resource for Elementary	To support a new high quality resource that supports all students including English Language Learners and students with disabilities	\$200,000
Technology Platforms and resources	To maintain high quality instructional resources to support teaching and learning	\$200,000
Community Service	WIN - social emotional support	\$5,000
Contingency for additional needs based on feedback		\$134,295
TOTAL COST FOR the 2023-2024 School YEAR		\$2,124,295

School Year	Anticipated Cost
2022-2023	\$2,320,000
2023-2024	\$2,124,295
Total ESSER III 2022-2024	\$4,444,295

*Updated 4/19/2022