



# Maximize ESSER Funds to Support Instructional Excellence and Student Success

COVID-19 has revealed long-standing needs and inequities within the K-12 education system, but it's also offered an opportunity to reimagine teaching and learning. Unprecedented funding for education will enable states, local education agencies, and individual schools to invest in the infrastructure, technology, and evidence-based programs that will advance equity, accelerate learning, better support student mental health and well being, and improve outcomes for all students.

## A SINGLE PLATFORM TO ACHIEVE MANY GOALS

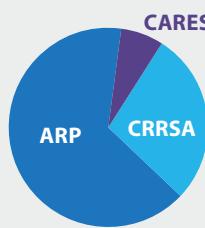
**Edsby®** is committed to supporting educators on their journeys to the future of education. Edsby is more than a learning management system—it is a social learning

environment that puts connections between people at the center of K-12 education.

Edsby enables in-person, hybrid, and online learning with rich communication between students, teachers, and families all in a single platform designed to support K-12 student success. For more than 10 years, school districts, states, and countries have used Edsby to streamline and manage student well being, classroom management, learning management, assessment and reporting, and learning analytics.

Edsby is uniquely able to advance the priorities of ESSER and the long-term strategic goals of districts and schools. **Let's take a look at how...**

*Three rounds of stimulus funds are being made available to state and local education agencies (SEAs and LEAs) through the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) Fund.*



**CARES**  
Coronavirus Aid,  
Relief, and Economic  
Security Act  
\$31 billion  
**\$13.2 billion**  
for ESSER I

**CRRSA**  
Coronavirus Response  
& Relief Supplemental  
Appropriations  
\$82 billion  
**\$53.4 billion**  
for ESSER II

**ARP**  
American  
Rescue Plan  
\$167 billion  
**\$122.2 billion**  
for ESSER III

## ESSER FUNDING PRIORITIES

**Address Learning Loss and Accelerate Instruction**



**Support the Social-Emotional Well-Being of Students**



**Remove Barriers to Education Equity**



**Have a Lasting Impact on the Education System**



## HOW EDSBY HELPS ADVANCE ESSER PRIORITIES

- ✓ Teachers can make and deliver summative and formative assessments, include observations, and capture formative learning evidence in notes, pictures and videos to help determine a student's or class' progress. Observations and evidence can be shared with other teachers and parents.
- ✓ Learning management tools make teaching and teachers more efficient, getting students what they need, how they need it, when they need it.
- ✓ Learning analytics enable educators—in real time—to uncover trends in achievement data and identify at-risk students across an individual school, group of schools, or a whole school district.

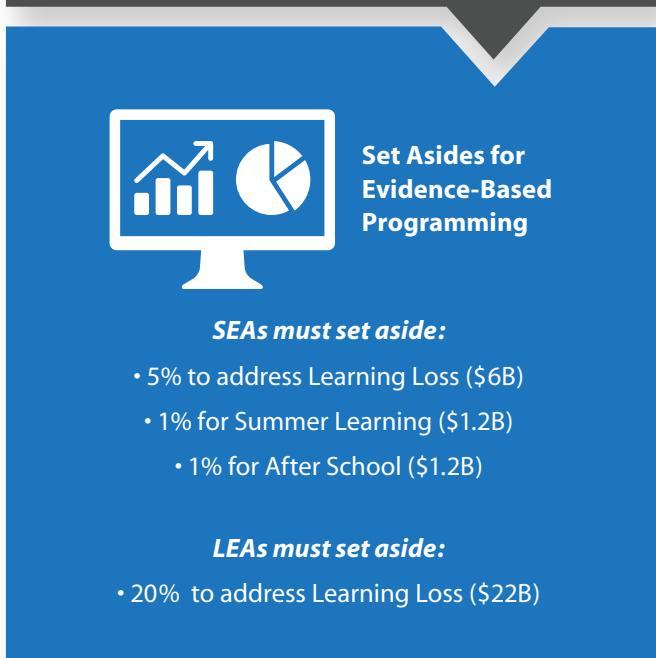
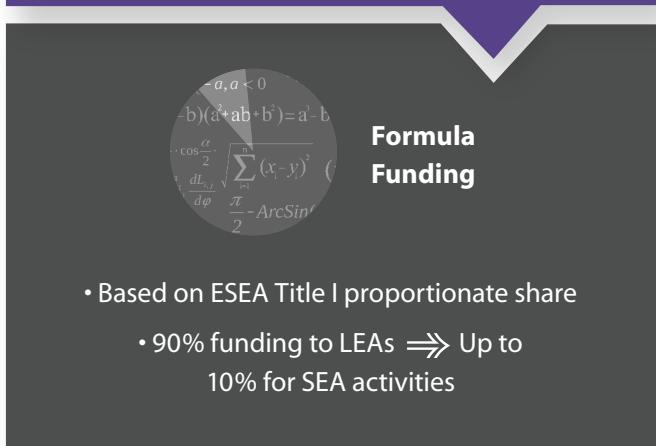
- ✓ Students can select from age-appropriate icons to share how they're feeling with their teacher(s) so they can take action to help students be ready to succeed.
- ✓ Research-based strategies are provided to help students learn to regulate their emotions and help educators take supportive action.
- ✓ Informed by an exclusive relationship with MindUP, an evidence-based non-profit program designed to improve children's emotional well-being that is aligned with current SEL research and accredited by the Collaborative for Academic, Social, and Emotional Learning (CASEL).

- ✓ Creates an inclusive social environment that draws families into school life which is a critical component of advancing equity.
- ✓ Teachers can engage families in safe, meaningful communication to support their students' learning and achievement, with evidence of learning curated by students themselves or by their teachers, depending on grade level.
- ✓ Educators can access everything relating to a child's education, such as current grades, attendance, progress reports, learning evidence, IEPs, portfolios, alerts, teacher observations, and more.

- ✓ Comprehensive, integrated tools to facilitate, support, and enrich the complex interactions between students, families, educators, learning resources, and more.
- ✓ A single, central location for all academic and social-emotional behavior information across a district, making it easier for educators and policy makers to access and act on everything having to do with student success.

**Want to see how Edsby can help you meet ESSER funding priorities and elevate teaching and learning? Let's connect! (877) 337-0070 or [info@edsby.com](mailto:info@edsby.com).**

## A CLOSER LOOK AT THE ARP ESSER III FUND



## EDSBY ADDRESSES A NUMBER OF THE MOST IMPORTANT USES OF FUNDS ALLOWED UNDER ESSER:

- ✓ Providing mental health services and supports.
- ✓ Addressing learning loss among students, including low-income students, students with disabilities, English learners, racial and ethnic minorities, students experiencing homelessness, and children in foster care, including:
  - ▶ Administering and using high-quality assessments that are valid and reliable to accurately track students' academic progress and assist educators in meeting students' needs, including through differentiating instruction.
  - ▶ Implementing evidence-based activities to meet the comprehensive needs of students.
  - ▶ Providing information and assistance to parents and families on how they can effectively support their children, including during distance learning.
  - ▶ Tracking student attendance and improving student engagement during distance learning.
- ✓ Providing principals and other school leaders with resources to address the unique needs of their individual schools.
- ✓ Supporting 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.
- ✓ Purchasing educational technology for students served by the LEA that aids in regular and substantive educational interactions between students and their classroom teachers, including low-income students and children with disabilities.



## SUSTAINING YOUR ESSER INVESTMENTS

ESSER funds are a huge opportunity to address long-standing needs, but how can you ensure your investments have transformational impact with time-delimited funds?

**There are a number of complementary ways to sustain investments:**

- ✓ Forward-fund contracts (subject to state procurement requirements)
- ✓ Take advantage of the fact that *supplement not supplant funding requirement* does not apply
  - ▶ Switch to other funding sources, such as:
    - ❖ Other federal programs
    - ❖ State and/or local funding
  - ✓ Stop paying for outdated or ineffective programs
    - ▶ Consider zero-based budgeting strategies
    - ▶ Consider efficiencies that edtech can provide
    - ▶ Rethink traditional delivery models
  - ✓ Use increasing federal appropriations (especially Title I)

## TIMELINE OF ESSER STIMULUS FUNDING

	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
CARES	<b>ESSER I</b> Enacted: Mar. 27, 2020		<b>ESSER I</b> Obligate: Sept. 30, 2022	<b>ESSER I</b> Liquidate: Jan. 28, 2023		
CRRSA		<b>ESSER II</b> Enacted: Dec. 27, 2020		<b>ESSER II</b> Obligate: Sept. 30, 2023	<b>ESSER II</b> Liquidate: Jan. 28, 2024	
ARP		<b>ESSER III</b> Enacted: Mar. 11, 2021			<b>ESSER III</b> Obligate: Sept. 30, 2024	<b>ESSER III</b> Liquidate: Jan. 28, 2025