

ESSER III Use of Funds Plan

The purpose of the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) III Fund is to help safely reopen and sustain the safe operation of schools and address the impacts of COVID-19 on the nation's students by addressing students' academic, social, emotional, and mental health needs. Epic Blended Learning Charter School's ESSER III allocation is \$16,662,266.55.

Prevention and Mitigation Strategies

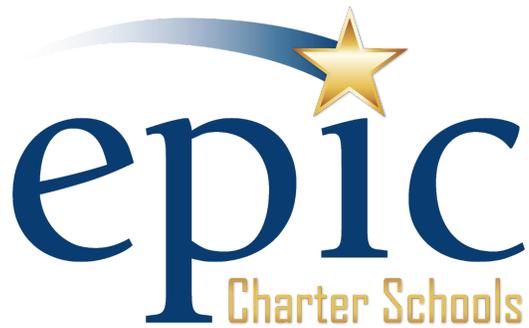
ESSER III funds will be used to implement prevention and mitigation strategies that are, to the greatest extent practicable, consistent with the most recent CDC guidance on reopening schools. The district will use ESSER III funds to implement the following strategies to address prevention and mitigation:

- Cleaning services which ensure building sanitation and disinfection which prevents the spread of Covid-19
- Increased use of learning space for meeting physical distancing guidelines (microsites, outdoor space)
- Planning for, coordinating, and implementing activities during long-term closures (ensure technology access, technical support, Zoom licences)
- Providing masks, sanitizer, disinfecting materials and supplies, etc.

Addressing Learning Loss

The LEA is required to use twenty percent of its ESSER III funds to address the academic impact of learning loss through the implementation of evidence-based interventions. Epic Blended Learning Charter School will allocate \$3,332,453.31 of its ESSER III funds on the following strategies to address lost instructional time:

- Purchasing educational technology (hardware, software, and connectivity) for students to assist in the interaction between students and instructors
- Providing mental health services and supports (such as social and emotional curriculum)
- Evidence-based supplemental curriculum to address standards-mastery and ensure academic growth
- Provide 24-hour live, interactive homework help for students



Other Use of Funds

The district will dedicate the remaining funds to provide high-quality instructional initiatives, which could include growth assessments, benchmarks, and summative/formal measures, and other online learning tools. To ensure the successful implementation of any resource, Epic Blended Learning Charter School will use ESSER III funds to provide meaningful, targeted professional development.

Addressing Students' Academic, Social, Emotional, and Mental Health Needs

To help ensure social, emotional, and mental health needs of all students, and particularly those students disproportionately impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic (disadvantaged, minorities, English learners, children with disabilities, students experiencing homelessness), Epic Blended Learning Charter School will dedicate funding to a SEL curriculum. A team is currently investigating providers and developing an implementation plan.