

Section: Narratives - Needs Assessment

Introduction

The findings of a recent study showed that there is a significant benefit to students who participate in out-of-school-time (OST) programs. In fact, the Return on Investment of Summer school Programs in Pennsylvania study determined that for every dollar invested in summer school programming for students there was a return of \$6.69 in potential benefits to students, including reduced rates for drop-outs, teen pregnancy, substance abuse, crime and delinquency ([Link PSAYDN.org](#)).

In accordance with the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act and Pennsylvania Act 24 of 2021 (Act 24), the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) will award approximately \$50,000,000 or one percent (1%) of Pennsylvania's ARP Elementary and Secondary School Education Relief (ESSER) State Reserve funds to support school districts, charter schools and cyber charter schools (collectively, LEAs) in the development and implementation of comprehensive after-school programs to address learning loss in response to the academic, social, emotional and mental health needs of students and subgroups of students impacted by COVID-19 public health emergency that supplement school programs and activities.

Act 24 requires that, when available, existing personnel shall be utilized by school districts, charter schools and cyber charter schools to staff programs and activities established with these grant funds.

Within 90 days of receipt of these allocations, school districts, charter schools and cyber charter schools must submit a three- part plan to PDE, that outlines the proposed use of the grant money, itemized by program and activity. This plan is part of a consolidated application that includes after-school programming, summer programming, and a comprehensive plan to address learning loss. The plan shall include:

- 1) A description of each program and activity
- 2) A narrative outlining the expected benefit of each program and activity
- 3) A budget for each program and activity detailing personnel and operating costs

PDE has developed the Accelerated Learning Toolkit, a significant cadre of resources and trainings, to support LEAs in the development of their plans. The Accelerated Learning Toolkit can be found [Link to Accelerated Learning Toolkit](#).

Section 1 - Needs Assessment: In this section, LEAs are asked to describe the impact of the pandemic on their students since March 2020.

Indicators of Impact

1. Describe how the LEA identified students for inclusion in a summer school program. Include a brief description of the indicators used in the decision-making process.

The Aliquippa School District administration team worked with classroom teachers to determine which students would benefit from attending summer school programs in K-8. Factors included were SAP services, attendance, class grades; with an emphasis on those at

risk of failing the current grade level, and benchmark assessments. Once the summer school program was developed, letters went home inviting students to attend.

Section: Narratives - Summer School Program Questions

Summer School Program Questions: In this section, LEAs are asked to describe the activities they have designed to provide summer school programming for their students.

2. Identify the target student-group for the summer school program. Will the focus be on academic growth, social and emotional wellness, or some other factor to support student growth? For each group, provide specific strategies that were used or will be used to identify and measure impacts.

Student Group	Area of Focus	Number of Students Served	Provide specific strategies that were used or will be used to identify and measure impacts
Children from Low-Income Families	Academic Growth	100	Pre and Post-test data will be used to identify impacts as well as academic growth data (grades/benchmarks) during the following school year.

3. Describe the evidence-based resources that will be used to support student growth during the summer school program.

The Aliquippa School District will develop a summer program that includes strategies using best practices in Reading and Math. The teachers will work with the PA standards to determine most important skills needed to increase academic success for the next school year. Many activities will be taken from the small group lessons offered in our regular curriculums in Reading and Math. Heggerty Phonological Awareness activities will also be included for students in grades K-2. Other online instruments used to achieve growth will be IXL for grades K-8 and Tutor.com for students in grades 9-12. At the elementary level K-6, SEL lessons will also be included in the program to focus on social and emotional wellness along with academic growth.

4. Describe the staff that will provide the summer school program (i.e., internal staff or outside resources).

Number of Staff Members	Internal/Outside Provider	Role
		Summer School Staff K-8

Number of Staff Members	Internal/Outside Provider	Role
14	Internal Provider	including general education, speech and language and guidance



a. The LEA assures it understands it is responsible to offer the work to its internal employees prior to engaging outside entities.



b. The LEA assures it understands it is responsible to ensure that all summer school program staff hold the appropriate certifications for the program that is being delivered.

5. How will the LEA assess the success of the summer school program? Please identify the tool, frequency of use, and expected results.

Tool Used to Evaluate Success	Frequency of Use	Expected Results
Progress Monitoring in Reading and Math	weekly	Teachers will give students pre and post-tests. They will also progress monitor growth on a weekly basis.

6. How will the LEA engage families in the summer school program?

Families will be made aware of students' progress through weekly progress reports and communication throughout the duration of summer school. A bag of resources will be sent home to assist families with helping their children at home. A family picnic will be held at the end of the program to celebrate accomplishments. Students will have the opportunity to showcase what they've learned. Parent surveys will be distributed at the end of the program to receive valuable feedback from families. Summer school programs will also be discussed during monthly Parent Advisory Council meetings throughout the school year.

Section: Budget - Instruction Expenditures

Instruction Expenditures

Budget
 \$90,167.00
Allocation
 \$90,167.00

Budget Over(Under) Allocation
 \$0.00

Budget Summary

Function	Object	Amount	Description
1100 - REGULAR PROGRAMS – ELEMENTARY / SECONDARY	100 - Salaries	\$31,680.00	Contractual pay for staff for grades K-3 summer school
1100 - REGULAR PROGRAMS – ELEMENTARY / SECONDARY	100 - Salaries	\$10,080.00	Contractual pay for staff for grades 4-6 summer school
1100 - REGULAR PROGRAMS – ELEMENTARY / SECONDARY	600 - Supplies	\$2,000.00	Supplies to support academic activities for summer school K-8
1100 - REGULAR PROGRAMS – ELEMENTARY / SECONDARY	100 - Salaries	\$4,320.00	Contractual pay for staff for grades 7-8 summer school
		\$48,080.00	

Section: Budget - Support and Non-Instructional Expenditures

Support and Non-Instructional Expenditures

Budget
 \$90,167.00
Allocation
 \$90,167.00

Budget Over(Under) Allocation
 \$0.00

Budget Summary

Function	Object	Amount	Description
2700 - Student Transportation	300 - Purchased Professional and Technical Services	\$42,087.00	Transportation for students in grades K-8 to and from summer school
		\$42,087.00	

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	\$46,080.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$48,080.00
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	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
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	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
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	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

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Services								
2300 SUPPORT SERVICES – ADMINISTRATION	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
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	\$42,087.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$42,087.00
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

	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
	\$46,080.00	\$0.00	\$42,087.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$90,167.00
Approved Indirect Cost/Operational Rate: 0.0000								\$0.00
Final								\$90,167.00