

## 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 Afterschool Programs in Pennsylvania](#) study determined that for every dollar invested in after-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 to 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](#).

**Needs Assessment:** In this section, LEAs are asked to describe the impact of the pandemic on their students, examine disproportionate impacts on specific student groups, and highlight the LEA's promising practices in supporting students' needs since March 2020.

### Indicators of Impact

1. Describe how the LEA identified students for inclusion in after-school programming. 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 a 14-week after-school program in grades 2-6 at the Elementary School. 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 after-school program is developed, letters will be sent home inviting students to attend.

**Section: Narratives - After-school Program**

**After-school Program Questions:** In this section, LEAs are asked to describe the activities they have designed to provide after- 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 along with weekly progress monitoring will be used to identify impacts.

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

The Aliquippa School District will develop a 14-week after-school program called "Grow Your Mind" Club! that includes the use of our IXL digital platform for Reading and Math and mindfulness activities for SEL growth. Using IXL, students will gain fluency and confidence in math! IXL helps students master essential skills at their own pace through fun and interactive questions, built-in support, and motivating awards. In Language Arts, students will work on phonics and reading comprehension to writing strategies. IXL helps learners develop the communication skills needed for success in school, college, and career. In addition to Reading and Math individualized learning plans, mindfulness activities will be included in the program to focus on social and emotional wellness growth to help increase students' self-awareness and self-management skills.

4. Describe the staff that will provide the after- school program (i.e., Internal staff or outside resources).

Number of Staff Members	Internal/Outside Provider	Role
12	Internal	After- School staff consisting of K-6 general education staff



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 after-school program staff hold the appropriate certifications for the program that is being delivered.

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

Tool Used to Evaluate Success	Frequency of Use	Expected Results
IXL Progress and Improvement	weekly	Track individual students' growth toward milestones. The Progress and Improvement report shows at a glance the strides students have made and where they still have room to grow.

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

ASD staff will communicate with families throughout the 14-week after-school program. Data and progress reports will be given weekly to keep families updated as to students' progress and accomplishments. At the end of the 14-week period, a Growth Awards Ceremony will take place inviting family members to participate in a program hosted by the students. Students will have the opportunity to share their growth and successes while teaching family members some of the mindfulness strategies used during the program. A speaker from Allegheny Health Network, representing the CHILL project will also serve as a guest speaker for this event.

**Section: Budget - Instruction Expenditures**

Instruction Expenditures

**Budget**

\$90,167.00

**Allocation**

\$90,167.00

**Budget Over(Under) Allocation**

\$0.00

Budget Overview

Function	Object	Amount	Description
1100 - REGULAR PROGRAMS – ELEMENTARY / SECONDARY	100 - Salaries	\$15,120.00	Contractual pay for staff for grades 2-6 after-school program
		<b>\$15,120.00</b>	

**Section: Budget - Support and Non-Instructional Expenditures**

Support and Non-Instructional Expenditures

**Budget**

\$90,167.00

**Allocation**

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**Budget Over(Under) Allocation**

\$0.00

Budget Overview

Function	Object	Amount	Description
2700 - Student Transportation	300 - Purchased Professional and Technical Services	\$36,750.00	Transportation for students in grades 2-6 from After School program to home
3100 - Food Services	600 - Supplies	\$3,500.00	Student snacks during After School program
3200 - Student Activities	600 - Supplies	\$3,750.00	IPAD/Chromebook chargers and power cords
3200 - Student Activities	600 - Supplies	\$2,047.00	Mindfulness program, activities, progress certificates
2100 - SUPPORT SERVICES – STUDENTS	600 - Supplies	\$29,000.00	IPADS (2nd-3rd grade students) and Chromebooks (4th-6th grade students)
		<b>\$75,047.00</b>	

**Section: Budget - Budget Summary**  
**BUDGET SUMMARY**

	<b>100 Salaries</b>	<b>200 Benefits</b>	<b>300 Purchased Professional and Technical Services</b>	<b>400 Purchased Property Services</b>	<b>500 Other Purchased Services</b>	<b>600 Supplies 800 Dues and Fees</b>	<b>700 Property</b>	<b>Totals</b>
<b>1000 Instruction</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>1100 REGULAR PROGRAMS – ELEMENTARY / SECONDARY</b>	\$15,120.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$15,120.00
<b>1200 SPECIAL PROGRAMS – ELEMENTARY / SECONDARY</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>1300 CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>1400 Other Instructional Programs – Elementary / Secondary</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>1600 * ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAMS</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>1700 Higher Education Programs</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>1800 Pre-K</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>2000 SUPPORT SERVICES</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>2100 SUPPORT SERVICES – STUDENTS</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$29,000.00	\$0.00	\$29,000.00
<b>2200 Staff Support</b>	\$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
<b>Services</b>								
<b>2300 SUPPORT SERVICES – ADMINISTRATION</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>2400 Health Support Services</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>2500 Business Support Services</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>2600 Operation and Maintenance</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>2700 Student Transportation</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$36,750.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$36,750.00
<b>2800 Central Support Services</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>3000 OPERATION OF NON-INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>3100 Food Services</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,500.00	\$0.00	\$3,500.00
<b>3200 Student Activities</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,797.00	\$0.00	\$5,797.00
<b>3300 Community Services</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>4000 FACILITIES ACQUISITION, CONSTRUCTION AND IMPROVEMENT SERVICES</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00



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	\$15,120.00	\$0.00	\$36,750.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$38,297.00	\$0.00	\$90,167.00
Approved Indirect Cost/Operational Rate: 0.0000								\$0.00
Final								\$90,167.00