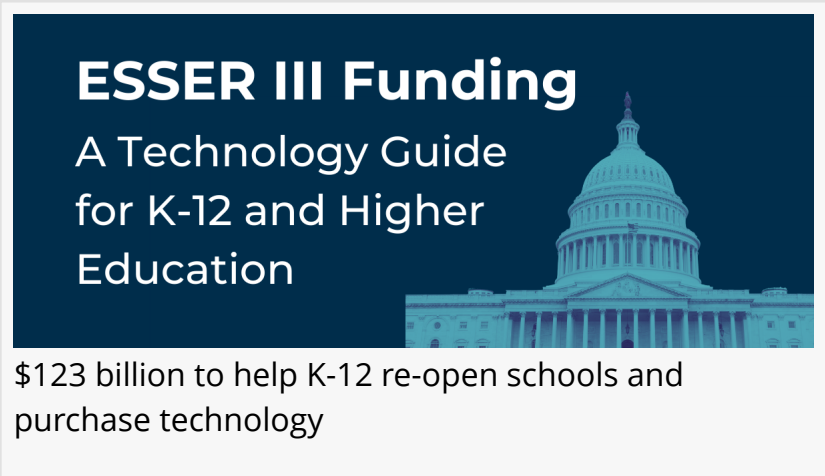


ESSER III Funding: A Technology Guide for K-12 and Higher Education

K-12 and Higher Ed Schools have the opportunity to invest in technology with over \$123 Billion in funding from the American Rescue Plan

ATLANTA, GA, UNITED STATES, April 7, 2021 /EINPresswire.com/ -- On March 11, 2021 Congress passed the American Rescue Plan (ARP), under the Education Stabilization Fund, allocating over \$123 Billion for K-12 in new, flexible funds for school districts to be spent over the next three-and-a-half school years — the largest-ever one-time federal investment in K-12 education.



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\$123 billion to help K-12 re-open schools and purchase technology

Funds are distributed based on the Title I enrollment numbers of public schools through state education departments, and to private schools through local educational authorities (LEAs). Check with your individual state education department or LEA to apply for funding and determine eligibility.

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Schools now have the power to create a safer and more equitable learning environment with technology and ESSER III funding, the largest-ever one-time federal investment in K-12 education.”

Joey Gullo

- How can ESSER III Funds be Used?

This act provides LEAs with \$123 billion of funding for educational expenses that meet the guidelines of the bill; states and districts can use these funds to make technology investments.

According to the 2021 Infrastructure Report Card, more than half of public school districts surveyed needed to update or replace multiple building systems – and over 20% of technology infrastructure in public schools were in “fair” or “poor” condition.

Up to 80% of ESSER III funds can be used to address schools’ technology needs and challenges arising from the COVID-19 pandemic including:

- purchasing educational technology (including hardware, software, and connectivity as well as assistive technology or adaptive equipment, and
- implementing public health protocols including policies in line with guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for school-reopening

[View the entire bill here](#)

How to create long term results for your school with ESSER III funds by investing in technology:

- Ensure every student has equitable access to teacher-led instruction.

While students in the back of the classroom are straining to hear their teacher, teachers are straining their voices after hours of instruction. Installing Wahsega speakers with a [Sound Reinforcement Panel](#), and plugging in an off-the-shelf microphone can amplify a teacher's voice to reach the entire classroom and eliminate teacher voice strain.

The most powerful tool a teacher has is their voice, and Wahsega's technology can address student needs and support teachers with state-of-the-art technology that won't break the bank.

- Execute daily health and safety practices on campus.

While education leaders are creating comprehensive procedures for cleaning and sanitizing school environments, staff and teachers are left with the arduous task of executing these protocols every day. From a single location, Wahsega's technology can automate reminders for safety protocols at scheduled times both audibly (Wahsega speakers) and visually (Wahsega IP Displays) throughout the school. For example, a principal or authorized school staff member can easily create a daily 10:00 am event to remind students to sanitize their desks and wear a mask.

- Implement Social Distancing Cohorts, A/B, and Split Scheduling.

The CDC recommends forming cohorts (distinct groups that stay together during the school day) to reduce the risk of COVID transmission. School administrators will determine areas for each cohort and define movement plans throughout the school day, including entryways, hallways, and classrooms. Wahsega's Carina Event Manager can automate social distancing cohorts with flexible zones and custom bell schedules. Each Wahsega speaker or IP Display can be included in up to 20 separate zones to sound school bells (and localized announcements) only where they need to be heard. A/B and split scheduling can easily be implemented with the Carina Event Manager as well.

Next Steps:

[Connect with a Solutions Advisor](#). Wahsega Solutions Advisors are ready to help you create a safer and more equitable learning environment with technology.

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