

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.

Given state and local data, building wide data teams will review the data to select targeted students for inclusion in a summer-school program. The indicators are students that performed basic or below basic on state assessments and also students who fall below

benchmark on locally defined assessments including DIBELS, local assessments, instructional support software such as Study Island and IReady, and classroom assessments/grades.

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	600	Summer school learning activities to meet expected local benchmarks for academic improvement
Children from Low-Income Families	Emotional Wellness	600	Summer school counseling and social interaction activities to improve social and emotional wellness
Major Racial and Ethnic Groups	Academic Growth	75	Summer school learning activities to meet expected local benchmarks for academic improvement
Major Racial and Ethnic Groups	Emotional Wellness	75	Summer school counseling and social interaction activities to improve social and emotional wellness
			The LEA will provide instruction targeted

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 with Disabilities	Academic Growth	250	toward specific academic needs based on students' IEP to improve academic achievement
Children with Disabilities	Emotional Wellness	250	Summer school counseling and social interaction activities to improve social and emotional wellness

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

The staff will use an evidence-based approach to instruction including the use of technology tools such as Study Island and IReady to provide students with a self-paced, independent study while the teachers work in small groups to target specific skill deficits as identified through data analysis.

- 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
22	Internal Provider	These staff members will work directly with a targeted group of students based on specific learning needs through direct, explicit instruction
5	Internal Provider	These staff members will work directly with a targeted group of students based on specific social and emotional needs.



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	weekly	Individual progress monitoring will provide weekly data on student progress toward learning goals and state standards.
Study Island and IReady	Weekly	Study Island and IReady software will provide frequent feedback on student progress toward learning goals.
DIBELS	twice during summer program	Data will provide feedback on student baseline and progress toward reading benchmarks.

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

Parents will receive an invitation to send their child to the summer-school program. An evening event will be held to discuss the overall summer program and expected outcomes for all students. Teachers will make frequent contacts with parents during the summer school program to inform them of student progress and will provide parents with detailed data at the conclusion of the summer-school program to demonstrate progress toward learning goals.

Section: Budget - Instruction Expenditures

Instruction Expenditures

Budget

\$40,689.00

Allocation

\$40,689.00

Budget Over(Under) Allocation

\$0.00

Budget Summary

Function	Object	Amount	Description
1000 - Instruction	600 - Supplies	\$15,000.00	The LEA will purchase technology hardware and software to assist in the instruction of summer-school.
		\$15,000.00	

Section: Budget - Support and Non-Instructional Expenditures

Support and Non-Instructional Expenditures

Budget

\$40,689.00

Allocation

\$40,689.00

Budget Over(Under) Allocation

\$0.00

Budget Summary

Function	Object	Amount	Description
2700 - Student Transportation	300 - Purchased Professional and Technical Services	\$25,689.00	LEA will pay for student transportation to summer-school and associated activities
		\$25,689.00	

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	\$15,000.00	\$0.00	\$15,000.00
1100 REGULAR PROGRAMS – ELEMENTARY / SECONDARY	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
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	\$25,689.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$25,689.00
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
	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$25,689.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$15,000.00	\$0.00	\$40,689.00
Approved Indirect Cost/Operational Rate: 0.0000								\$0.00
Final								\$40,689.00