



Aristoi Classical Academy

ARP-ESSER FUNDING PLAN AND
SAFE RETURN TO IN PERSON INSTRUCTION PLAN

| July 2021 |
| December 2021 |
| June 2022 |
| August 2022 |
| January 2023 |

Introduction

The American Rescue Plan Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (“ARP ESSER”) Fund, authorized under the American Rescue Plan (“ARP”) Act of 2021, provides over \$12 billion to the States of Texas to support the schools in safely reopening and sustaining safe operations of schools while meeting the academic, social, emotional, and mental health needs of students resulting from the coronavirus disease 2019 (“COVID-19”) pandemic.

ARP ESSER III grant funds were issued for one-time or short-term types of expenditures to address the identified needs caused by the pandemic. Aristoi makes no assumption that the state will provide replacement funds for ARP ESSER III in future years.

Aristoi Classical Academy has been allocated \$552,595.00.

TENATIVE PLAN

Of the total allocation the district will use funds toward the following specific areas :

- Academic support, learning loss, learning acceleration, and recovery by adding student tutoring and or enrichment program after school and during the summer.
- Mental health services and supports, including through implementation of evidence based full-service community schools.
- Facility repairs and improvements to support the safety of staff and students by reducing the risk of contracting the virus and reducing the spread of the virus.

STAKEHOLDER INPUT SURVEY

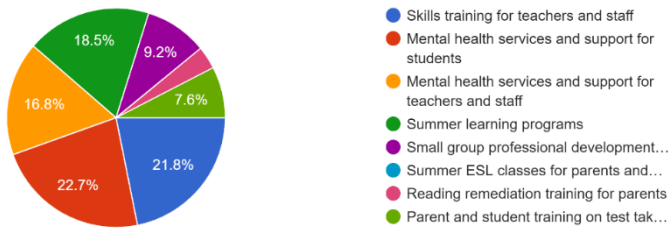
Stakeholder input was gathered during the planning process and continues to be collected. The following data was collected through the following survey

ARP ESSER III Stakeholder Input Survey.

RESULTS

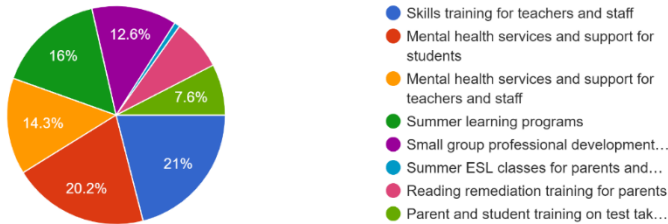
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119 responses



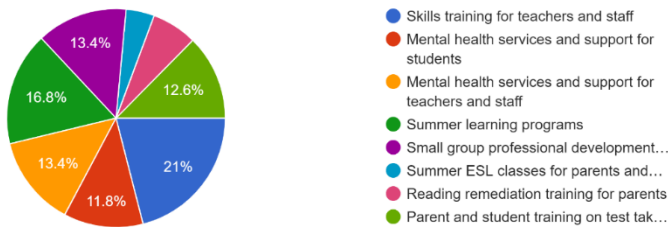
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119 responses



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Plan has been reviewed and revised as stated below.

Item/Project/Stipend/Etc	Student Group Impact	Additional Comments	Amount Planned
Educational Technology	K-12 th Grade	2021-2022, 2022-2023 and 2023-2024	120,000
Summer School – Katy Elem	K-4 th Grade	2021-2022	\$30,000
Summer School- Katy Upper	5 th - 12 th Grade	2021-2022	\$30,000
Summer School – Cypress Elem	K-6 th Grade	2021-2022	\$20,000
High-Impact Tutoring	K-12 th Grade	2021-2022, 2022-2023 and 2023-2024	\$100,000
Mental Health – Student	K-12 th Grade	2021-2022	\$74,095
Mental Health- Staff	All Employees	2021-2022	\$78,500
Building Improvements-HVAC	All Campuses	2021-2022, 2022-2023 and 2023-2024	\$30,000
Building Improvements	All Campuses	2021-2022, 2022-2023 and 2023-2024	\$70,000
		Total	\$552,595

Safe Return to In Person Instruction Plan

Late last week, TEA released current public health guidance for the 2021-2022 school year that cites CDC recommendations. Aristoi Classical Academy and all public schools are required to prepare a COVID Response Plan. As the Aristoi Board of Directors has not yet met to consider the information just released by TEA, the following is the current plan, which is subject to change.

Learning Modalities

Aristoi Classical Academy is offering on campus instruction for 2021-2022 school year. TEA has not approved online instruction for the 2021-2022 school year with the exception of video conferencing on a limited basis.

Aristoi Classical Academy will consider the TEA-approved remote conferencing option on a limited basis for students who need to be out of school due to COVID-19. This would be offered by an additional staff member, who is not the teacher of record, to help students with their school work during a COVID-related absence. More information will be forthcoming.

Preventive Measures

Facial Coverings

Per GA-38, school systems cannot require students or staff to wear a mask. GA-38 addresses government-mandated face coverings in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Students and staff may wear a mask if they choose to do so.

Self-Prescreening

The best way to prevent the spread of illness in our schools is to stay home when ill. Students should not attend school if they have a fever of 100.0 F or higher or new onset of any of the following symptoms of illness that may include:

- Loss of taste or smell
- Cough
- Difficulty breathing or shortness of breath
- Headache
- Chills
- Sore Throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Exaggerated shivering

- Significant muscle pain or ache
- Diarrhea
- Nausea or Vomiting

Handwashing and Respiratory Etiquette

Washing and sanitizing hands often, especially before eating, after using the restroom, after blowing your nose, after coughing or sneezing, and after coming in to contact with highly touched objects such as door knobs, handrails, etc. can help reduce the spread of illness.

Consider covering coughs and sneezes with a tissue or sneeze or cough into your shoulder/elbow; wash hands immediately afterwards and avoid touch your face, eyes and nose area.

Social Distance

Students and staff are encouraged to maintain social distance when possible.

Immunization and medications

All students enrolled in Aristoi Classical Academy must be in compliance with state required immunizations or a notarized affidavit for exemption of immunization. Immunization and medication requirements can be found on the school website.

Healthy Environments/Ventilation

Maintenance custodial teams will maintain a regular cleaning schedule to disinfect high traffic and commonly used spaces throughout the instructional day, restrooms, large group transition areas, and cafeteria between meals. In the evenings the campus is disinfected by a professional cleaning company.

Hand sanitizer stations will be located in multiple areas throughout the campus.

HVAC systems have been adjusted to increase the intake of outside air. Maintenance team have begun the process of changing air filter's to a higher minimum efficiency reporting value (MERV) of 11 or higher.

Students with developmental and/or behavioral disabilities

Accommodations and assistance will be provided to ensure those students are able to appropriately engage in preventative actions.

COVID Testing

On-campus COVID testing is planned to start in September 2021. Staff and students have the option to get tested before school each morning on each campus with Student Care Coordinators or as listed below by a contracted nurse.

Tuesday at 6 pm at Morton Rd Thursday at 6 pm in Cypress Sunday at 11am at Morton Rd

COVID Testing Registration is available at <http://aristoclassical.org/covid19testing/>.

Students Who Test Positive for COVID-19

As provided in this Department of State Health Services (DSHS) Rule, school systems must exclude students from attending school in person who are actively sick with COVID-19 or who have received a positive test result for COVID-19. Parents must ensure they do not send a child to school on campus if the child has COVID-19 symptoms or is test-confirmed with COVID-19, until the conditions for re-entry are met. According to the DSHS, if a student is symptomatic, he/she must be excluded until at least 10 days have passed since symptom onset, and fever free, and other symptoms have improved. Children who test positive for COVID-19 but do not have any symptoms must stay home until at least 10 days after the day they were tested.

Notification

According to TEA, if an individual who has been in a school is test-confirmed to have COVID-19, the school must notify its local health department, in accordance with applicable federal, state and local laws and regulations, including confidentiality requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA).

Upon receipt of information that any teacher, staff member, student, or visitor at a school is test-confirmed to have COVID-19, Aristoi Classical Academy must submit a report to the Texas Department of State Health Services via an online form. The report must be submitted each Monday for the prior seven days (Monday-Sunday).

Additionally, if Aristoi Classical Academy is made aware that a student has come in close contact with an infected student or staff member, the parents of that student will be notified. (TEA uses the CDC definition of close contact.) Parents may then opt to keep their students at home during the recommended stay-at-home period.

For individuals who are determined to be close contacts, a 14-day stay-at-home period was previously advised by the CDC based on the incubation period of the virus. CDC has since updated their guidance, and the stay-at-home period can end for students experiencing no symptoms on Day 10 after close contact exposure, if no subsequent COVID-19 testing is performed. Alternatively, students can end the stay-at-home period if they receive a negative result from a PCR acute infection test after the close contact exposure ends.

All additional guidance from Governor Abbott, the Texas Education Agency, and federal, local and state health authorities will be considered as the school evaluates additional considerations in planning for our upcoming school year. Thank you for your patience.

Continuity of Academic Services

Aristoi Classical Academy is providing remote conferencing services during the 2021-2022 school for students who need to be out due to COVID. As per TEA, remote conferencing is for students who either test positive for COVID-19 or need to quarantine due to having been in close contact with COVID-19. These services are not from Aristoi teachers but through a TEA- approved tutoring company, TutorMe.

Students will need to participate in tutoring as outlined below in order to be marked “present” for the day. TEA permits students to receive remote conferencing services for up to 20 instructional days in a school year.

Mental Health

Aristoi is hiring an additional counselor to provide mental health support for students and staff.

Communicable Disease Prevention Informational – August 2022

Aristoi Classical Academy aspires for the Aristoi community to stay informed on current public charter school health initiatives and programs, including the ongoing efforts to keep students, staff, and visitors protected against infectious diseases for the 2022-2023 school year.

During the height of the pandemic, Aristoi Classical Academy utilized federal and state funding to provide various health resources to prevent and mitigate the spread of the COVID-19 virus. This included remote learning opportunities, health-grade air purification devices, on-site COVID-19 testing, increased and improved disinfecting techniques, and additional sick days for students and staff.

Moving forward, Aristoi will continue to prioritize the public health safety of the students and staff by focusing on standard communicable disease prevention measures.

Communicable diseases commonly found in the school setting include Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV), the Flu, the Common Cold, Conjunctivitis (“pink-eye”), and various gastrointestinal viruses. By following some simple practices, we can help stop the spread of illness.

Staying home when sick. The Aristoi Parent/Student Handbook provides a detailed policy regarding student illness. Parents must ensure they do not send a child to school if the child has an infectious condition or symptoms of disease including fever (100.0 F or higher), vomiting, diarrhea, sore throat, green mucus, continuous coughing or sneezing, etc. Staying home when sick can lower the risk of spreading infectious diseases to other people. If a student develops a fever or symptoms of illness while at school, the school will contact the parents or delegated emergency contact for immediate pick up.

Cleaning and disinfecting techniques. Aristoi will continue to provide standard daily cleaning & disinfecting of classrooms and shared spaces by contracted custodial staff. Additional cleaning and disinfecting strategies will be implemented at times of reported outbreaks.

Respiratory etiquette. Students, staff and parents will frequently be reminded of good hygiene practices, including covering coughs and sneezes. Masks covering the nose and mouth will be allowed if desired.

Handwashing. Washing and sanitizing hands often, especially before eating, after using the restroom, after blowing your nose, after coughing or sneezing, and after coming into contact with highly touched objects such as doorknobs, handrails, etc. can help reduce the spread of illness.

Following exclusion criteria. How long a staff member or student must be absent from school due to illness differs based on the diagnosis. With most illnesses, a person is safe to return to school once they have been fever and symptoms free for 24 hours without the aid of medications. In some cases, a reportable infectious condition requires an extended absence. With these diseases, exclusion and re-entry criteria set forth by state and local health departments will need to be followed.

The updated Texas Education Agency (TEA) Public Health Guidance released on August 1, 2022, outlines the Department of State Health Services (DSHS) Rule regarding the exclusion and re-entry criteria for students who have or are suspected of having COVID-19.

Reporting infectious diseases. Aristoi is required by law to report certain communicable diseases, such as COVID-19, to state and local health authorities. Upon receipt of information that any teacher, staff member, student, or visitor at a school is confirmed to

have a reportable infectious condition, Aristoi Classical Academy must submit a report to the Harris County Public Health Department and the Texas Department of State Health Services.

Aristoi is thankful for your participation in prioritizing the health safety of its students, staff, and visitors. For more information on strategies to prevent the spread of communicable disease in the school setting, please visit the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Additional Sources:

Aristoi [Parent/Student Handbook Policies & Procedures 2022-2023](#), Katy

Aristoi [Parent/Student Handbook Policies & Procedures 2022-2023](#), Cypress

Texas Education Agency (TEA)

[Public Health Guidance](#)

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

[Operational Guidance for K-12 Schools](#)

Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS)

[COVID-19 School Readmission Criteria](#)

[Texas Infectious Disease Notifiable Conditions](#)