

North Knox School Corporation: Federal COVID-19 Relief Spending

Across Indiana, \$2.8 billion in federal funding has been allocated to local school districts to help address schools' COVID-19 related needs.

Here at North Knox School Corporation, we have been allocated \$3,669,868.48 from three rounds of Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) funding – which is based on the district's share of the state's Title I allocation – and federal Governor's Emergency Education Relief (GEER) funds.

Over the last two years, we developed plans for how to strategically and sustainably deploy these funds to successfully accelerate student learning, support our educators, make a sustainable impact on innovation across our schools, and update technology and other infrastructure.

Read our full plans here –

ESSER I – CARES

Technology – Teacher computers and interactive view boards, classroom printers and Project Lead the Way student computers to enhance lost instructional time.

Sanitizing – Extensive cleaning of schools and buses.

ESSER II

Technology – Classroom computers to better maintain and enhance lost student instructional time.

Sanitizing – Cleaning supplies/equipment to maintain a cleaner environment within the school buildings and buses.

Flooring – Replacement of flooring at NKJSHS. Existing floor was original to the construction of the school in 1974. The new flooring is being laid with a sealer compound to prevent moisture from migrating from the concrete slab which will provide for a cleaner environment and improve the air quality of the school. The new floor covering will also enable the surface to be cleaned easier reducing potential virus transmission.

ESSER III

Student Learning – To further enhance student learning summer school programs are offered; after school tutoring is available; online student remediation programs are available to assist student progress and assist with college/career readiness and SAT preparation. A new math curriculum was adopted.

Professional Development - Teacher assisted trainings to enhance the instruction provided to students.

HVAC Replacement – Replacement of HVAC to correct the outside air dampers and actuators and revise the return air plenum and ductwork to improve air quality.

GEERS

Technology - Teacher computers, interactive view boards projection TV screens, classroom printers and student computers to enhance lost instructional time.

Looking ahead, we plan to renovate the front entryways at each school to include a self-contained area where visitors will remain until school personnel greet them. Inclusion of this area will eliminate immediate entrance into the school which will enhance the safety of staff and students as well promote a healthier environment by limiting the exposure and transmission of environmental hazards. The NKJSHS will also undergo a renovation of the library. The renovation is being designed to enhance student instruction, allow for segregated workspaces, and reduce the potential risk of virus transmission. Transportation software is also being reviewed as a way to better balance student bus loads and manage routes more safely and efficiently.

Per federal law, we have through September 2022 to encumber the first round of ESSER funding and through September 2023 and September 2024, respectively, to encumber the second and third rounds of their ESSER grants.

Funds are available for all school districts through a reimbursement process for approved expenses in the spending plan. Track North Knox School Corporation's current uses and reimbursements of these funds [here](#).

For more information on North Knox School Corporation's federal COVID-19 relief funding, please contact Darrel Bobe, Superintendent.