

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 LEA used universal screeners for students in grades K-8 for the 2021-2022 school year.

Multi-Tiered System of Supports (MTSS) were also implemented for K-8 beginning in the 2021-2022 school year. In addition, grades 6-8 added additional instructional periods for remediation in ELA and Mathematics based on student data and restructured learning support staff to meet the needs of students. Based upon the LEA data, students who were included in MTSS Tiers 2 and 3 will be identified for inclusion in after-school programming.

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.

- 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	500	Universal screeners will be used to measure growth
Children from Low-Income Families	Emotional Wellness	500	Counselor and teacher observations and check-ins will be used to enhance efforts to understand students on a deeper level to determine and address their needs. Small counseling groups and outside mental health providers offering counseling and individual therapy on-site.
Major Racial and Ethnic Groups	Academic Growth	50	Universal screeners will be used to measure growth
			Counselor and teacher observations and check-ins will be used to enhance efforts to understand students on a deeper

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Major Racial and Ethnic Groups	Emotional Wellness	50	level to determine and address their needs. Small counseling groups and outside mental health providers offering counseling and individual therapy on-site.
Children with Disabilities	Academic Growth	300	Universal screeners will be used to measure growth
Children with Disabilities	Emotional Wellness	300	Counselor and teacher observations and check-ins will be used to enhance efforts to understand students on a deeper level to determine and address their needs. Small counseling groups and outside mental health providers offering counseling and individual therapy on-site.
Students Experiencing Homelessness	Academic Growth	10	Universal screeners will be used to measure growth
			Counselor and teacher observations and check-ins will be used to enhance efforts to understand students on a deeper

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Students Experiencing Homelessness	Emotional Wellness	10	level to determine and address their needs. Small counseling groups and outside mental health providers offering counseling and individual therapy on-site.
English Learners	Academic Growth	3	Universal screeners will be used to measure growth
English Learners	Emotional Wellness	3	Counselor and teacher observations and check-ins will be used to enhance efforts to understand students on a deeper level to determine and address their needs. Small counseling groups and outside mental health providers offering counseling and individual therapy on-site.
Youth in Foster Care	Academic Growth	20	Universal screeners will be used to measure growth
			Counselor and teacher observations and check-ins will be used to enhance efforts to understand students on a deeper level to determine and

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Youth in Foster Care	Emotional Wellness	20	address their needs. Small counseling groups and outside mental health providers offering counseling and individual therapy on-site.

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

Open Court Reading curriculum, EnVision Mathematics curriculum, Wilson, ERI, Unique Learning Systems, iXL

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
50	Internal	Enrich and remediate student learning
10	External Provider	Mental Health services



- 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
Universal Screeners/Progress Monitoring	Bi-weekly	Student growth both academically and emotionally

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

Parent night to showcase student achievement and activities

Section: Budget - Instruction Expenditures

Instruction Expenditures

Budget

\$47,853.00

Allocation

\$47,853.00

Budget Over(Under) Allocation

\$0.00

Budget Overview

Function	Object	Amount	Description
1000 - Instruction	100 - Salaries	\$23,926.50	Salary for staff
		\$23,926.50	

Section: Budget - Support and Non-Instructional Expenditures

Support and Non-Instructional Expenditures

Budget

\$47,853.00

Allocation

\$47,853.00

Budget Over(Under) Allocation

\$0.00

Budget Overview

Function	Object	Amount	Description
2700 - Student Transportation	500 - Other Purchased Services	\$23,926.50	Student transportation from school to their home
		\$23,926.50	

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	\$23,926.50	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$23,926.50
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 Services	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

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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	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$23,926.50	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$23,926.50
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
	\$23,926.50	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$23,926.50	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$47,853.00
Approved Indirect Cost/Operational Rate: 0.0000								\$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
							Final	\$47,853.00