

# American Rescue Plan 2021

## Kalamazoo Public Schools - 39010

**1. Please describe the extent to which and how the funds will be used to implement prevention and mitigation strategies that are, to the greatest extent practicable, consistent with the most recent CDC guidance on reopening schools, in order to continuously and safely open and operate schools for in-person learning:**

Several systems and resources will be purchased and implemented to mitigate risk of Coronavirus spread within KPS schools. Among these are a new visitor management /tracking system, sanitation and disinfection equipment, PPE, and upgrades to air handling units.

**2. Please describe how the LEA will use the funds it reserves under section 2001(e)(1) of the ARP Act (see below) to address the academic impact of lost instructional time through the implementation of evidence-based interventions, such as summer learning or summer enrichment, extended day, comprehensive afterschool programs, or extended school year:**

KPS intends to address the academic impact of lost instructional time through improving TIER I teaching practices through curriculum work and through instructional coaching. Additionally, ESSER funds will be used to support training and additional certifications for teachers. Pathways for non-instructional staff to move into teaching roles will also be created and supported through the use of these funds. Academic support, both before and after school, will be supported with ESSER funds.

**3. Please describe how the LEA will spend its remaining ARP ESSER funds consistent with section 2001(e)(2) of the ARP Act:**

Kalamazoo Public Schools is committed to offering both virtual and in-person educational options for students and families. Parents have the opportunity to choose the best schooling option for their children based on the needs of individual students and families.

Significant funds will be invested in educational technology to allow for both in-person and virtual learning through the purchase of software and Chromebooks. Investments will also be made in additional teaching and staff positions to support virtual learning.

The school district is also committing funds to provide more nurses, social workers, security staff, teachers, assistant principals, student interventionists, math coaches, science coaches, literacy coaches, and technology support staff.

Finally, the Kalamazoo Public Schools is planning to invest in food service equipment to enhance its school breakfast and lunch program. Additional refrigeration has become necessary in order to store additional food on-site due to strong demand for the meals provided to students and challenges in obtaining food due to disruptions in the supply chain.

**4. Please describe how the LEA will ensure that the interventions it implements, including but not limited to the interventions implemented under section 2001(e)(1) of the ARP Act (see below) to address the academic impact of lost instructional time, will respond to the academic, social, emotional, and mental health needs of all students, and particularly those students disproportionately impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, including students from low-income families, students of color, English learners, children with disabilities, students experiencing homelessness, children in foster care, and migratory students.**

Budget decisions regarding which interventions are purchased and implemented are based on community stakeholder input, best practice, research, and a comprehensive needs assessment. Plans are outlined in a three-year district acceleration plan available at [www.kalamazoopublicschools.com](http://www.kalamazoopublicschools.com).