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## A. COVER PAGE

American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act
Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) III Fund
Formula Fund Application
Due by September 1, 2021

	To be Completed by School Division				
Applicant	Applicant (Legal Name of Agency): Division Number: Application Coordinator:				
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## LOCAL EDUCATIONAL AGENCY (LEA) CERTIFICATION

<u>Use of Funds:</u> The applicant designated above applies for an allocation of federal assistance as appropriated under the ARP ESSER III Fund. Specific uses of funds for this award are found in the "Guidelines, Instructions, and Assurances" document.

Assurances: The LEA assures that programs and activities funded under the ARP ESSER III Fund will be administered and implemented in compliance with all applicable statutes, regulations, policies, and program plans. Additionally, the LEA agrees by signing below to implement the assurances located in the application. The assurances and signed cover page are to be retained by the LEA.

Certification: I hereby certify that, to the best of my knowledge, the information contained in this application is correct, and agree on behalf of the LEA to abide by the assurances.

Superintendent's Signature	
Fransico Duran, Ed.D	
Superintendent's Name	
August 12, 2021	
Date	

Application Submission, Approval, and LEA Expenditure of Funds: ARP ESSER III applications must be submitted through OMEGA and are due by September 1, 2021. The initial budget transfer request may be submitted through OMEGA after the LEA has received ESSER III application approval. Funds must be spent and reimbursements submitted in accordance with the approved application. Revisions and Amendments should be submitted in a timely manner.

# APPLICATION INFORMATION

ARP ESSER III Fund Formula Allocation	\$	18,868,508.45
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# LEA ARP ESSER III PLAN

The U.S. Department of Education's interim final rule on ARP Act ESSER III funds requires each LEA that receives ARP ESSER III funds to develop and make publicly available on its website a plan for the LEA's use of ARP ESSER III funds. The LEA must engage in meaningful consultation with stakeholders and give the public an opportunity to provide input in the development of its plan. Refer to the Guidelines, Instructions, and Assurances for more information on this requirement.

# Provide the URL to the LEA's ARP ESSER III plan:

https://www.apsva.us/wp-content/uploads/2021/12/APS-ARPA-ESSER-III-Plan-12062021.pdf

# LEA SAFE RETURN TO IN-PERSON INSTRUCTION AND CONTINUITY OF SERVICES PLAN

The ARP Act requires that, within 30 days of receiving ESSER III formula funds, each LEA will develop and make publicly available on its website a plan for the safe return of in-person instruction and continuity of services as required in section 2001(i)(1) of the ARP Act. Before making the plan publicly available, the LEA is required to seek public comment on the plan and take such comments into account in the development of the plan. Refer to the Guidelines, Instructions, and Assurances for more information on this requirement.

## Provide the URL to the LEA's Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services Plan:

https://www.apsva.us/wp-content/uploads/2021/12/APS-Plan-for-Safe-Return-to-In-Person-Instruction-and-Continuity-of-Services-12062021.pdf

## REVISIONS AND AMENDMENTS

Place an "X" in the first box indicating whether it is a revision or amendment. Enter the date of the revision or amendment. Indicate the tab(s) that have been changed. Provide a concise description of changes.

NOTE: Any changes to the program budget should first be reflected in an amended application, followed by a budget transfer within 7 business days of approval of the amended application. Budget transfers will not be accepted without an approved amended application reflecting budget changes.

1.	Revision Amendment	Х	12/7/21 Date:	Changes made from first submission on tab coverpage, and budget page. Changes mad from recommendation provided from first submission. Changes in each object code were made in descriptions and some movement of learning and non-learning loss
2.	Revision Amendment		Date:	
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6.	Revision Amendment		Date:	
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8.	Revision Amendment		Date:	
9.	Revision Amendment		Date:	

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## B. DETAIL BUDGET BREAKDOWN

Prepare a detailed breakdown of the budget categories for Object Codes 1000-6000 and 8000. In the narrative boxes above the itemized description in each object code, describe how the expenses address the impact of COVID-19. Indicate each expense that addresses learning loss under Section 2001(d)(1) of the ARPA in column N.

Do the totals equal the ARP ESSER III formula fund allocation? Does at least 20% of the allocation address learning loss?

Yes	
Yes	

# DETAILED BUDGET DESCRIPTION OF OBJECT CODE 1000

Provide a description of the positions supported with funds from this program.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic the following staffing is needed to meet the districts additional staffing burdents. Administrative and teacher personnel will be provided for the following student support: APS will offer a separate K-12 Virtual Learning Program during the 2021-22 school year to serve students who, for a variety of reasons, choose to learn remotely. Students will carry a full course-load and attend all classes online. Students enrolled in the program will maintain connection and alignment with their school of record for reporting, student services, extracurricular activities, and graduation. The Virtual Learning program will have a principal, assistant, principal, IT support, administrative assistant support, and various counsoling and student services support. Staffing will be based on enrollment, as determined by family selection process. Teachers will be hired to teach the virtual classes and virtual learning vendors will fill in classes that do not have an APS teacher. The director will be able to deploy members of the office to specifically address the needs of English Learners. The director of OEL will be able to coordinate with the director of Curriculum and Instruction to leverage the work of content offices to support the direction of the EL program and will partner with the Elementary and Secondary directors of the Office of Special Education to ensure that dually identified EL students receive the

Item Description	Category	FTEs	Total Cost Learning Loss	Total Cost Not Learning Loss
Virtual Learning Program	Extended School Programs	111.50		6,904,022.72
Director of OEL	Special Populations	1.00	114,418.00	
Reading and Math Coaches	Extended School Programs	12.00	732,638.00	
Planning and implementing activities related to summer school	1. Extended School Programs		4,039,547.00	
	Total for Object Code:	124.50	4,886,603.00	6,904,022.72

# DETAILED BUDGET DESCRIPTION OF OBJECT CODE 2000

Indicate the fixed charge categories (such as FICA, health, etc.) and specify the amount of each.
Due to the COVID-19 pandemic the following benefits associated with the additional staffing is needed. Fixed benefits associated with the personnel and grant administration as
detailed in Object 1000.

Item Description	Category	Total Cost	Total Cost
nem Description	Category	Learning Loss	Not Learning Loss
Employeer FICA	6. Other	300,317.73	513,789.0
/RS Retirement	6. Other	161,830.00	1,122,752.0
Jealth Permiums	6. Other	131,752.00	1,105,010.0
/RS Life Insurance	6. Other	13,036.00	90,523.0
Dental Plan	6. Other	7,306.00	62,659.0
/RS Retiree Health Care	6. Other	11,771.00	81,741.0
401(a) Matching	6. Other	3,892.00	29,240.0
Income Protection Premiums	6. Other	4,572.00	31,751.0
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	Total for Object Code	634,476.73	3,037,465.0

# DETAILED BUDGET DESCRIPTION OF OBJECT CODE 3000

Provide a description for expenses related to object code 3000.

Due to the COVID - 19 Pandemic APS will offer a separate K-12 Virtual Learning Program during the 2021-22 school year to serve students who, for a variety of reasons, choose to learn remotely. Students will carry a full course-load and attend all classes online. Universal screening is the systematic assessment of all children within a given class, grade, school building, or school district, on academic and/or social-emotional indicators that the school personnel and community have agreed are important. This type of screening is a foundational component of any comprehensive multi-tiered system of support framework and will guide instructional activities implemented to address the unique needs of targeted student groups. Assessments are a way to collect data on students' educational progress and guide instruction for the entire class and individualized instruction for targeted groups of students who may need additional support. For the summer school program to support learning loss contracted services will be needed in American Sign Language interpretation and Cued Speech Transliteration Services. APS needed additional funding to ensure all students have reliable internet access at home using current and emerging technologies. These technologies include but are not limited to: paying for Comcast Internet Essentials. Activities to address the unique needs of low-income students, students with disabilities, English

I Description	Catalana	Total Cost	Total Cost
Item Description	Category	Learning Loss	Not Learning Loss
Software licenses for virtual learning	Extended School Programs		50,000.00
Universal screeners products	5. Technology		184,000.00
Assessment products	Special Populations	991,000.00	
Contract Services	Special Populations	55,000.00	
Translation Services	4. Special Populations	11,000.00	
Comcast Internet Essentials	5. Technology	146,666.00	
	Total for Object Code:	1,203,666.00	234,000.00

	DETAILED BUDGET DESCRIPTION OF OBJECT CODE 4000
f program funds are expended for interna	d services, describe these services below

If program funds are expended for internal services, describe these services below.

Due to the Covid - 19 pandemic foods and snacks are needed for the economically disadvantaged students attending the summer school sessions. Duplicating services are also need for the summer school program.

Item Description	Category	Total Cost	Total Cost
item Description		Learning Loss	Not Learning Loss
Food and snacks for summer school	Extended School Programs     Extended School Programs	3,500.00	
Printing and duplicating for summer school	Extended School Programs	8,000.00	
	Total for Object Code:	11,500.00	0.00

Provide a description for expenses related to object code 5000.							
Due to the COVID - 19 Pandemic materials and resources needed to be send to students homes using the US Postal Service.							
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Item Description	Category	Total Cost	Total Cost				
		Learning Loss	Not Learning Loss				
Postage for summer school	6. Other	7,500.00					

Total for Object Code:

7,500.00

0.00

# DETAILED BUDGET DESCRIPTION OF OBJECT CODE 6000

Provide a description of materials, supplies, and all equipment less than \$5,000 per unit. Indicate the quantity and respective cost for each item.

Due to the COVID - 19 Pandemic APS needed to decreasing the amount of time between cleaning of high traffic areas will help to maintain the cleanliness of each building and reduce possible transmission of diseases. Replacing air filters in the individual classrooms and offices Cerfitied Air Cleaning Devices (CACDs) and HVAC systems will improve indoor air quality in school buildings. MiFi's ensure all students have reliable internet access at home using current and emerging technologies. These technologies include but are not limited to: providing students with hotspots (MiFi). Instructional materials for summer learning for and supplemental afterschool programs and addressing the needs of low-income students, students with disabilities, English learners, racial and ethnic minorities, students experiencing homelessness, and foster care youth. APS will offer a separate K-12 Virtual Learning Program during the 2021-22 school year to serve students who, for a variety of reasons, choose to learn remotely. Students will carry a full course-load and attend all classes online.

Item Description	Category	Quantity	Total Cost Learning Loss	Total Cost Not Learning Loss
Cleaning Supplies	3. Sanitization			721,947.00
Air Filters	3. Sanitization			107,628.00
MiFi's	5. Technology		293,334.00	
Summer school instructional materials	Extended School Programs		296,366.00	
Virtual learning school supplies	Extended School Programs			530,000.00
	Total for	Object Code:	589,700.00	1,359,575.00

DETAILED BUD	GET DESCRIPTION OF	OBJECT	CODE 80	00			
All capital outlay expenditures over \$5,000 per unit must be approved by the Virginia Department of Education through the application submission and approval process. If the local school division has established a threshold of a lesser amount, items equal to that amount or greater must be itemized in Object Code 8000.  Installation/labor/contractual costs associated with equipment installation should be itemized in Object Code 3000. Specify equipment quantities.							
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Item Description	Category	Quantity	Item	Learning Loss	Not Learning Loss		
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Total for Object Code:

0.00

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## EXPENDITURE ACCOUNTS DESCRIPTIONS

These accounts are for budgeting and recording expenditures of the educational agency for activities under its control. Below are definitions of the major expenditure categories. The descriptions provided are <u>examples only</u>. For further clarification on the proper expenditures of funds, contact your school division budget or finance office, the grant specialist in the Virginia Department of Education, or refer to the appropriate federal act.

# **OBJECT CODE DEFINITIONS:**

(revised 5/16/17)

1000 PERSONAL SERVICES - Includes all compensation for the direct labor of persons in the employment of the local government. Salaries and wages paid to employees for full- and part-time work, including overtime, shift differential, and similar compensation. Includes payments for time not worked, including sick leave, vacation, holidays, jury duty, military leave, and other paid absences that are earned during the reporting period.

For the purposes of this report, the term "salaries" means all compensation including base wage. This also includes amounts paid through salary reduction plans, such as tax-sheltered annuities and flexible benefit plans. Do not confuse this definition with the Virginia Retirement System (VRS) definition, which excludes supplements for retirement calculation purposes in some circumstances.

**2000 EMPLOYEE BENEFITS** - Job related benefits provided to employees as part of their total compensation. Fringe benefits include the employer's portion of FICA, pensions, insurance (life, health, disability income, etc.) and employee allowances.

NOTE: Fringe Benefits are a significant component of employee compensation and, like salaries and wages, are charged to the appropriate object of expenditure within each program. If possible, fringe benefit costs should be charged to the applicable educational program or activity on an ongoing basis. An alternative is to charge all fringe benefits to various benefit accounts. As part of the year-end closing process, these accounts are closed, and all costs are allocated to the appropriate educational program or activity. The following methods are suggested for allocating such cost at year-end. If these methods do not provide reasonable allocations based on circumstances within the school division, then the school division should use another reasonable allocation method. Consistency in application should be maintained at all times.

- Allocation by percentage of payroll dollars
- · Allocation by Head Count
- Direct to Program or Activity

- 3000 PURCHASED/CONTRACTUAL SERVICES Services acquired from outside sources (i.e., private vendors, public authorities, or other governmental entities). Purchase of the service is on a fee basis or fixed time contract basis. Payments for rentals and utilities are not included in this account description. Allowable payments would be to individual or firms that are independent contractors and not employees of the grantee or sub-grantee organization. The word honorarium is sometimes used to characterize such payments; the term "fee" is preferred.
  - Food Purchases Prepared meals, working meals, and/or catered services purchased through a vendor are included in this object code. Reimbursement is capped at the per diem rate for the meal listed according to the state travel regulations. Examples for this object code include meals provided during day-long professional development sessions, or meals provided to support attendance at family engagement activities. Food purchased from catering services and restaurants such as Pizza Hut, Panera Bread, and Subway is included in this object code.
  - Transportation Services Public Carriers Payments to public carriers for transportation of pupils on vehicles that are used by the public. Include payments for pupils transported in intra-city transit buses, taxicabs, airplanes, and intercity/interstate passenger buses.
  - Transportation Services Private Carriers Payments (either cash or tokens) to parents for transportation of pupils in lieu of providing transportation on school buses. Include allowable payments to parents for pupils attending public, private, and non-sectarian schools. Include costs associated with transporting special education students in school board-owned vehicles to and from school.
  - Transportation Services by Contract Payments to private owners of school buses who contract with the school board to transport pupils to and from public schools. Include payments to owners of private vehicles that contract with the school board to transport pupils to and from designated public and private schools.
  - Purchase of Service from Other Governmental Entities Payments for services purchased from other governmental entities (i.e., other local governments, public authorities, state agencies, and other LEAs) on a contract/fee basis. Tuition payments to other local governments for a jointly operated center are not included here but are reported under "Payments to Joint Operations" (object code 7000).
  - Tuition Paid Other Divisions In-State, Tuition Paid Other Divisions Out-of-State, and Tuition Paid Private Schools are included in this object code.
- **4000 INTERNAL SERVICES** Charges from an Internal Service Fund to other functions/activities/elements of the local government for the use of intergovernmental services, such as data processing, automotive/motor pool, central purchasing/central stores, print shop, and risk management. These services are provided by internal services within the School District and possibly the county but not a vendor.
  - Food Purchases Food purchased from the food services department of a school division or subgrantee equivalent to support professional development or family engagement events is included in this object code. For example, internal expenses for school cafeterias to provide meals to support attendance at family engagement activities are included in this object code.

- 5000 OTHER CHARGES Include expenditures that support the use of programs. Includes expenditures that support the program, including utilities (maintenance and operation of plant), staff/administrative/consultant travel, office phone charges, training, leases/rental, indirect cost, and other.
  - Travel includes payments for travel reimbursement for staff/administrative/consultant travel. These are travel costs that are being reimbursed directly to travelers. These costs may include lodging, mileage, meals, and incidentals as allowable according to state travel regulations or documented subrecipient internal travel policies. If the sub-recipient does not have documented internal travel policies, state travel regulations will prevail.
  - Contributions to Other Entities Includes payments to other governmental entities or community organizations that are not related to the direct purchase of a service on a fee basis (which is reported under object code 3000) or payments to joint operations (which are reflected under object code 7000).
  - Public Assistance Payments Payments to individuals for public assistance programs (general government use only).
  - Miscellaneous Other Charges Includes expenditures that support the program, including indirect costs and other costs.

- **6000 MATERIALS AND SUPPLIES** Includes articles and commodities that are consumed or materially altered when used and minor equipment that is not capitalized. This includes any equipment purchased under \$5,000, unless the LEA has set a lower capitalization threshold. Therefore, computer equipment under \$5,000 would be reported in "materials and supplies."
  - Food Purchases Food items purchased from a grocery store or its equivalent for snacks or breaks is included in this object code. Examples include bottled water, granola bars, cookies, and fruit purchased from a store such as Wal-Mart, Food Lion, Costco, etc. Prepared meals is not included in this object code; see object code 3000 for prepared/working/catered meals as purchased/contracted services.
  - Vehicle and Powered Equipment Fuels Gasoline, lubricating oils, or such other fuel used in the operation of vehicles and powered equipment (e.g., lawnmowers) purchased from private sources or governmental agencies.
  - Vehicle and Powered Equipment Supplies Tires, spark plugs, batteries, and chains used in the operation of vehicles and powered equipment purchased from private sources or governmental agencies.
  - Textbooks All textbooks and workbooks purchased to be used in the classroom.
  - Instructional Materials Books (not textbooks) and other materials.
  - Technology Software/On-line Content Include expenditures for videodiscs and computer programs used in the classroom for instructional purposes, operating system software (i.e., standalone software, not software that is pre-installed and included in hardware costs), application software, and on-line or downloadable software and content. Include expenditures for both additions and replacement.
  - Non-Capitalized Technology Hardware Include expenditures for hardware or classroom technology equipment that is not capitalized.
  - Non-Capitalized Technology Infrastructure Include expenditures for technology infrastructure that is not capitalized.

**8000 CAPITAL OUTLAY -** Note: Indirect cost cannot be claimed against capital outlay and equipment. Outlays that result in the acquisition of or additions to fixed assets. Capital Outlay includes the purchase of fixed assets both replacement and/or additional.

## Capital Outlay Replacement

- Technology Hardware Replacements Include capital outlay for replacement of hardware or classroom technology equipment. (For further clarification on which expenditures should be included in this object code, see the "Special Note" below.)
- Technology Infrastructure Replacements Include capital outlay for replacement of technology infrastructure. (For further clarification on which expenditures should be included in this object code, see the "Special Note" below.)
- Capital Outlay Additions Include machinery, equipment, furniture, fixtures, communications equipment, motor vehicles, etc. that are capitalized.
- Technology Hardware Additions Include capital outlay for additional hardware or classroom technology equipment. (For further clarification on which expenditures should be included in this object code, see the "Special Note" below.)
- Technology Infrastructure Additions Include capital outlay for additional technology infrastructure. (For further clarification on which expenditures should be included in this object code, see the "Special Note" below.)
- Special Note Classification of Hardware and Infrastructure Expenditures:

Report expenditures under technology "hardware" for computers, associated peripheral equipment, and other specialized technology equipment. Computers include desktop and laptop machines, handheld computers (i.e., Personal Digital Assistants or PDAs), and mainframe machines. Peripheral equipment includes devices attached to computers, such as monitors, keyboards, disk drives, modems, printers, scanners, cameras and speakers, etc.

Report other specialized computer devices under technology "hardware" such as fax-back and voicemail resources; videoconferencing and other distance education tools, including satellite transmitters and receivers; cable-based receivers; and modem or codec-based video equipment; projection devices, from transparent and opaque projectors to video monitors; and graphing calculators and other specialized computational aids.

Report expenditures under technology "infrastructure" for equipment and devices that enable the linking of computers or video hardware to networks (such as routers, hubs, switches, access servers, modems, or codecs). Infrastructure also refers to cabling installations, whether wire, fiber optic, or coaxial, as well as electrical capacity expansion or HVAC upgrades to support networks. In wireless networking systems, include receivers and transmitters under infrastructure.

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# C. GENERAL EDUCATION PROVISIONS ACT (GEPA) SECTION 427

Section 427 of the General Education Provisions Act (GEPA) requires applicants for federal funds to include in their applications a description of the steps the applicant will take to ensure equitable access to, and participation in, federally-assisted programs for students, teachers, and other program beneficiaries with special needs. The provision allows applicants discretion in developing the required description. The statute highlights six types of barriers that can impede equitable access or participation: gender, race, national origin, color, disability, or age. Based on local circumstances, the applicant should determine whether these or other barriers may prevent students, teachers, etc., from such access or participation in the federally-funded project or activity. The description in the application of steps to be taken to overcome these barriers need not be lengthy; the application may provide a clear and succinct description of how the applicant plans to address those barriers that are applicable to their circumstances.

Describe the steps the division will take to ensure equitable access to, and participation in, grant-funded programs for students, teachers, and other program beneficiaries with special needs as required by the General Education Provisions Act (GEPA) 427, OMB Control No. 1894-00045, Section 427.

Per Arlington School Board Policy A-4 Mission, Vision, and Core Values:

MISSION To ensure all students learn and thrive in safe, healthy, and supportive learning environments.

VISION To be an inclusive community that empowers all students to foster their dreams, explore possibilities, and create their futures.

Arlington School Board Policy A-3 Human Relations states: It is the policy of the Arlington Public Schools to foster an educational and workplace environment designed to accord respect to all individuals. Discrimination, including harassment, on the basis of race, national origin, creed, color, religion, gender, age, economic status, sexual orientation, marital status, gender identity or expression, pregnancy status, veteran status, genetic information and /or disability is prohibited. No student, employee, or applicant for employment shall be excluded from participation in, denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any educational program or activity, on any of the above-listed bases. The School Board is committed to eliminating all forms of unlawful discrimination in the school division. Accordingly, Arlington Public Schools shall continue to provide equitable treatment and opportunities for all. The curriculum shall foster this goal by engendering respect for the abilities and accomplishments of all people. Professional learning for staff members shall reflect the School Board's commitment in this area. The School Board encourages all members of the school community to join in this commitment and to promote good human relations as a part of every school-related activity.

Arlington School Board Facilities Development Policy F-2 Goals: The students and staff that use Arlington Public Schools facilities are entitled to safe, appropriate learning and working environments. Arlington Public Schools-owned facilities are designed, constructed and maintained to meet or exceed current safety standards of the Commonwealth of Virginia and Arlington County. All facilities occupied by the Arlington Public Schools are maintained and improved to meet changing educational and/or workplace standards and requirements. Each facility will provide an environment free of barriers to teaching, learning and working for the students and staff.

The APS Departments of Administrative Services, Human Resources, and Teaching and Learning collaboratively ensure maximum compliance with Arlington, state, and federal procedures, policies, and legislation by:

- Developing a program plan to assure that no barriers or impediments exist on gender, race, ethnicity, national origin, color, disability, or age.
- Designing specific curriculum components that will ensure equitable opportunities and activities exist for all participants.
- Providing professional learning opportunities to all staff as described in the APS Professional Learning Framework.
- Evaluating program components on a yearly basis to assure continued equitable access and participation.

Some illustrative examples of activities and strategies are:

• Collaborative development of a districtwide six-year strategic plan with staff and community involvement to identify focus areas for

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# ASSURANCES

# The LEA/grantee assures:

- The program will be administered in accordance with all applicable statutes, regulations, the program plan and the program application;
- II. Funds will be used for activities that are reasonable, necessary, allocable, and allowable under section 2001(e) of the ARP Act. The U.S. Department of Education generally does not consider the following to be an allowable use of ESSER funds: 1) subsidizing or offsetting executive salaries and benefits of individuals who are not employees of the SEA or LEAs or 2) expenditures related to state or local teacher or faculty unions or associations;
- III. The control of funds provided under the program and title to property acquired with program funds will be maintained and administered by the appropriate public agency;
- IV. The public agency will administer the funds and property as required by the authorizing statutes;
- V. It will adopt and use proper methods of administering the program, including -
  - A. The enforcement of any obligations imposed by law on agencies, institutions, organizations, and other recipients responsible for carrying out each program; and
  - B. The correction of deficiencies in program operations that are identified through audits, monitoring, or evaluation;
- VI. It will cooperate with any examination of records with respect to ARP ESSER III funds by making records available for inspection, production, and examination, and authorized individuals available for interview and examination, upon the request of the state educational agency, the U.S. Department of Education and/or its Inspector General, or any other federal agency, commission, or department in the lawful exercise of its jurisdiction and authority;
- VII. It will use such fiscal control and fund accounting procedures as will ensure proper disbursement of, and accounting for, federal funds paid to the applicant under each program;
- VIII. It will submit such reports to the state educational agency as the state educational agency and Secretary may require to enable the state educational agency and the Secretary to perform their duties under the program;
- IX. It will provide opportunities for the participation in, planning of, and operation of each program by teachers, parents, and other interested agencies, organizations, and individuals;
- X. It will maintain program records for five years, provide such information, and afford such access to the records as the state educational agency or the Secretary may reasonably require to carry out the state educational agency's or the Secretary's duties;
- XI. Applications, evaluations, plans, or reports related to each program will be made available to parents and the public;
- XII. Facilities constructed under any program will be consistent with overall state construction plans and standards and with the requirements of Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 in order to ensure that the facilities are accessible to and usable by individuals with disabilities;
- XIII. It has adopted effective procedures for acquiring and disseminating information and research regarding the programs and for adopting, where appropriate, promising educational practices to teachers and administrators participating in each program;
- XIV. It will, to the greatest extent practicable, continue to compensate its employees and contractors during the period of any disruptions or closures related to COVID-19 in compliance with section 2001(e)(2)(R) of the ARP Act. ARP Act funds generally will not be used for bonuses, merit pay, or similar expenditures, unless related to disruptions or closures resulting from COVID-19;
- XV. It will develop and make publicly available on its website, consistent with Section 2001(i)(1) of the ARP Act and the USED Interim Final Rule on ARP Act ESSER III funds and not later than 30 days after receiving the allocation of funds, a plan for the safe return to in-person instruction and continuity of services. Before making the plan publicly available, it will seek public comment on the plan and take such comments into account in the development of the plan and will periodically review and revise the plan according to federal requirements;
- XVI. It will develop and make publicly available on its website, consistent with the USED Interim Final Rule on ARP Act ESSER III funds and no later than 90 days after receiving the allocation of funds, a plan for the LEA's use of ARP ESSER III funds. It will engage in meaningful consultation with stakeholders and give the public an opportunity to provide input in the development of its plan;
- XVII. It will ensure that funds are expended in accordance with the approved original or amended application. In the event that it needs to expend funds in any manner other than stipulated in the approved application, it will amend the plan using the amendment process provided by the Virginia Department of Education. The application will be amended before funds will be expended for activities not approved in the application;
- XVIII. It will adhere to the provisions of the Federal Funding Transparency and Accountability Act (FFATA), and will obtain a valid DUNS number prior to applying for funds;

- XIX. It will comply with the provisions of all applicable acts, regulations and assurances; the provisions of Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR) 34 CFR parts 76, 77, 81, 82, 84, 97, 98, and 99; the OMB Guidelines to Agencies on Governmentwide Debarment and Suspension (Nonprocurement) in 2 CFR part 180, as adopted and amended as regulations of the U.S. Department of Education in 2 CFR part 3485; and the Uniform Guidance in 2 CFR part 200, as adopted and amended as regulations of the U.S. Department of Education in 2 CFR part 3474;
- XX. It will comply with the provisions of 2 CFR part 200 section 200.116, which prohibits the purchase of certain telecommunications and video surveillance services or equipment as described in Public Law 115-232, section 889; and
- XXI. None of the funds expended under the program will be used to acquire equipment (including computer software) if such acquisition results in a direct financial benefit to any organization representing the interests of the purchasing entity or its employees.