

O'Donnell ISD

Return to In – Person Instruction and Continuity of Services plan – RIPICS)

O'Donnell ISD will be receiving ESSER III Funds during the 2021-2022 school year. The relief funds are meant to help schools recover from the effects of the COVID – 19 pandemic. Federal Funds have been provided for various purposes throughout the pandemic which include:

1. ESSER I: Grant program authorized under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act in March 2020.
2. ESSER II: Grant program authorized in the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations (CRRSA) in December 2020.
3. ESSER III: Grant program authorized by the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act of 2021, enacted on March 11, 2021. It's sometimes referred to as ARP ESSER

This document addresses the requirements for receiving ESSER III funds. The information in this document is intended to inform all stakeholders and seek input regarding the use of ESSER III funds.

Amount of Funds Anticipated to be received.

O'Donnell ISD is to receive \$869,035.00 in ESSER III funds.

Planned Use of Funds

Districts are required to spend at least 20% of its ESSER III funds for the following:

- Addressing learning loss through the implementation of evidence-based interventions, such as summer learning or summer enrichment, extended day, comprehensive afterschool programs, or extended school year programs; and
- Ensuring that such interventions respond to students' academic, social, and emotional needs and address the disproportionate impact of the coronavirus on the student subgroups described in ESEA, Title 1, Part A, students experiencing homelessness, and youth in foster care.

O'Donnell ISD will spend funds to meet the requirements of ESSER III in the following ways.

1. The district will spend 20% of the ESSER Funds on intervention strategies including salaries for an elementary interventionist, summer school and after school tutoring for 4 years. The interventionist and after school student instruction will address the academic impact of lost instructional time.
2. Interventions will be provided to all families in the district including low – income families, students of color, English learners, children with disabilities, homeless students and children in foster care.
3. The district will continue to use proper handwashing training for all students. Sanitation stations will be available throughout the buildings. Sanitation machines will be utilized throughout the buildings every day.
4. The district offers academic counseling but also additional counseling from a licensed counselor and CATR which is offered remotely through Texas Tech University. These partnerships will be maintained. All of this is coordinated through the school counselor, Nicole White.

Services Plan beginning 2021-2022 School Year as related to Reopening due to COVID – 19 Pandemic

- O'Donnell ISD will offer In – Person only instruction. Remote instruction will only be used for absences for expended period of time.
- There will be no modifying of facilities or social distancing protocols.
- Handwashing is a best practice at all times and will be taught and encouraged throughout the district.
- The district disinfection practices including the sanitation machines will be used during the school year each day to provide for the safety of students and staff members.
- There will be diagnostic tests for COVID – 19 to be administered on campus by the school nurse who is a RN. She will make recommendations to families and receive approval for testing for students on a case to case bases (incorporated September 14).
- There will be no vaccinations provided on school grounds during the upcoming school year. The Lynn County Hospital district can hold vaccinations on campus independently.
- All health and safety policies approved by the district will be applicable to all students including children with disabilities.
- The district will coordinate with state and local health officials through the superintendent's office. All applicable rules and laws will be followed and documented.
- Students will have continuity of services by providing classroom instruction and remote learning for extended periods of absences. The students emotional and mental health needs will be supported through the counseling department.

Public Notice: July 20

Posted date: July 10

Public Meeting date: July 29

Dates Reviewed

September 30

January 30

May 30