

Montana School District ARP ESSER Plan Update Pleasant Valley School Update November 2023

This tool allows districts to update their ARP ESSER plans at any point. Updates must be completed at least once every six months.

Federal Requirement

The US Department of Education (USED) required the OPI to establish a process for district plans consistent with the ARP ESSER requirements for the use of ARP ESSER funds and ensure plans be made available to the public, within no later than 90 days after a district received its ARP ESSER allocation (August 24, 2021). The requirements for the school district plans include, at a minimum, how districts will:

1. use funds to implement prevention and mitigation strategies;
2. use the funds totaling not less than 20% to address lost instructional time;
3. spend its remaining 80% of ARP ESSER funds;
4. respond to needs of student disproportionately affected by the pandemic; and
5. meaningfully engage with and consult stakeholders in crafting their plans.

Each of these federally required components are embedded into this school district ARP ESSER plan.

In addition, the USED requires the OPI to support and monitor each school district's use of ARP ESSER funds, including:

- i. implementation of evidence-based interventions;
- ii. address the student groups specifically that were disproportionately impacted by the pandemic; and
- iii. identify, reengage, and support students who have experienced the impact of lost instructional time.

The plan will provide the information necessary for the OPI to support and monitor school districts as they move forward.

State Components

Throughout this school district ARP ESSER plan, the OPI has emphasized local control and coordination of state initiatives and requirements so that school districts can identify and innovate solutions for unique local needs and priorities. These components are embedded in the school district ARP ESSER plan. Additionally, the OPI will seek flexibility from the Board of Public Education to use the Goals section of this plan in place of the Continuous School Improvement Plan (CSIP).

Initial ARP-ESSER plans were developed through the use of a template. This plan update tool will provide districts with their most recent plan submission presented with the same fields and sections as their initial plan.

The sections of this tool match the sections of the template provided for districts to use for the creation of their plans.

The template sections are as follows:

1. School District-Identified Priorities
2. Meaningful Consultation
3. Goals
4. Coordinating Funds
5. Creating Safe and Healthy Learning Environment
6. Addressing Lost Instructional Time
7. Supporting the Educator Workforce
8. Monitoring and Measuring Impact of ARP ESSER funds

Prior to updating your school district ARP ESSER plan, consider the following:

1. School District-Identified Priorities

2. Meaningful Consultation

3. Goals

4. Coordinating Funds

Identify other federal funding that you are coordinating with ARP ESSER funds to most effectively use funds to address student needs.

5. Creating Safe and Healthy Learning Environments

Determine if ARP funds will be used to **implement prevention and mitigation strategies**, to the greatest extent practicable, in order to continuously operate schools for in-person learning.

6. Addressing Lost Instructional Time

Describe how the school district will use ARP ESSER funds it reserves under Section 2001(e)(1) of the ARP Act to **address lost instruction time** through the implementation of evidence-based interventions. The district must spend a minimum of 20% of ARP ESSER funds. The full implementation of the evidence-based interventions should be considered including personnel, materials, equipment, professional development, and expenses needed to meet the needs of students. Other evidenced-based practices may be utilized if the intervention meets one of the four tiers of evidence. Evidence-based practices may be found at [OPI's Multi-Tiered Systems of Support](#) page.

7. Supporting the Educator Workforce

Determine if ARP funds will be used to support and stabilize the educator workforce consistent with Section 2001 (e) (2) of the ARP Act.

8. Monitoring and Measuring Impact of ARP ESSER funds

What data do you have available to you to measure the impact of your work and guide plan adjustments?

What feedback have you received from stakeholders around your plan and/or your plan implementation?

What steps have you taken to engage stakeholders in your update process?

Instructions for updating your school district ARP ESSER plan

- Review the information in each field to verify that it matches the information you have at the local level. In the event that there is a difference please update any impacted fields during your update process.
- It is recommended that you complete your plan revision in a single sitting. If you are unable to do this please click through to the end of the survey and note on the final page that this submission represents an unfinished update draft.
- After you hit submit you will receive an email that contains a link that you can use for your next update. If you were submitting a draft update please be sure to return to complete your draft before the deadline.

Resources to help with completing your plan

- [Curriculum Selection](#)
- [Acceleration Guidance](#)
- [ESSA Tiers of Evidence](#)
- [Gap Analysis Tool](#)
- [U.S. Department of Education FAQ - ESSER/GEERS](#)
- [FAQ's of Maintenance of Equity Requirements](#)
- [Montana Office of Public Instruction ESSER website](#)
- [SEL Priorities](#)

Next Steps:

- When you submit your update you will receive a confirmation email that contains a link to access a PDF of your plan submission and a link to complete your next update.

Please review the information in these fields and verify that it reflects the submission of this update.

Response Summary:

Q5. Please choose your county and district from the dropdown.

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|-----------------|---|
| County | Flathead |
| District | Flathead ~ Pleasant Valley Elem, LE0325 |

Q6. Who is the Authorized Representative submitting this form?

Lori Sheets

Q8. What is your school district phone number?

406-858-2343

Q9. What is your AR email as shown in Egrants?

clerk@pvsmt.org

Q11. Please indicate your role in the district.

- Other (Please identify your role in the box below.):

Q12. If you are planning to use ARP ESSER funds for prevention and/or mitigation strategies, please select the evidence-based practices below and/or describe an additional practice in the Other box.

- Social emotional learning
- Academic support
- Hiring new staff and avoiding layoffs
- Providing safe, healthy, inclusive learning environments.
- Purchasing supplies to sanitize and clean the facilities
- Purchasing educational technology (including hardware, software, and connectivity) that aids in regular and substantive educational interaction between students and their classroom instructors including low-income students and children with disabilities, which may include assistive technology or adaptive equipment.

Q14. For which of the following student groups do you have a distinct Math goal? Choose all that apply.

- Students with Disabilities
- Free and Reduced Lunch
- White

Q15. Describe your Math goal for each identified student group.

Pleasant Valley School District's math goal is for students' to meet or exceed Montana Standards for mathematics. Increase Smarter Balance test scores. Increase i-Ready and MAPS test scores.

Q16. Describe your ELA goal for each identified student group.

Pleasant Valley School District's ELA goal is for students' to meet or exceed Montana Standards for ELA. Increase Smarter Balance test scores. Increase i-Ready and MAPS test scores.

Q21. How do you plan to spend the required 20% set-aside to address lost instructional time? Choose all evidence-based practices that apply.

- Accelerating learning through instructional approaches: In-school acceleration-Certified educators provide support for students within the classroom and grade-level work, using high-quality instructional materials, instructional strategies, and formative assessments.
- Access to and effective use of technology
- Administering and using high-quality assessments that are valid and reliable, to accurately assess students' academic progress and assist educators in meeting students' academic needs, including through differentiating instruction
- Providing information and assistance to parents and families on how they can effectively support students

Q23. Please indicate the type of data you are obtaining and using to monitor outcomes.

- Summative assessments
- Student engagement
- Access to technology

Q24. Please indicate which of the following student groups specifically referenced in ARP ESSER were more affected than others in your district. Choose all that apply.

- Economically Disadvantaged (Free and Reduced Lunch)
- Other (please identify in the box below):
Pleasant Valley School is a small, rural one-room schoolhouse and all our students were significantly impacted, especially during the remote learning portion.
- Children with Disabilities

Q25. ARP ESSER requires school districts to consult with a wide variety of stakeholders when developing a plan. Please select all of the following groups of stakeholders your district consulted and/or plans to consult.

- Parents
- Students
- Teachers
- Staff
- Educational advocacy organizations
- County health departments
- Community members

Q26. What method(s) did you use to seek stakeholder input? Choose all that apply.

- Public meetings
- Website
- Email

Q33. Please provide the top priorities the school district has determined as the most pressing needs for students and schools within the school district as a result or in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. You may elect between 1-3 priorities by checking the box and providing the text response.

- Priority 1:
Address students' learning loss. Respond to students' social, emotional needs and academic needs.
- Priority 2:
School supplies to support remote learning.
- Priority 3:
Personal protective and disinfecting equipment to ensure a clean, safe environment for students and staff.

Q34. When you identified each of your district's priorities, what data points did you use? Please list any and all data sources, such as attendance, interim assessments, surveys, etc.

Student attendance and direct input from lead teacher regarding students' academic performance and emotional needs.

Q42. Goal Action Plan, Part 2:

Identify what strategies/action steps will be used to support the achievement of the goals.

Describe a realistic and achievable timeline to achieve the goals.

Identify who is responsible to ensure the strategies/action steps are achieved.

Click the box and provide the text response for each applicable box.

- Math Goal Strategies, Actions, Timelines, and Assignments:
The district's strategies for assessing student progress toward meeting all content standards are as follows:
 1. Develop measurable objectives which can be accurately assessed.
 2. Use materials which coincide with content standards.
 3. Incorporate effective assessments (formative and summative): i-Ready and MAPS testing will be utilized for diagnostic testing.
 4. Produce essential rubrics which measure students' knowledge and skills.
 5. Become familiar with all content standards and become aware of which content standards have been met and which are still pending utilization.
 6. The District is using a standards-based grading system.-- Based on 2022-232 student progress, our goal is to have students achieve grade level benchmarks by the end of the 2023-24 school year, however, we do have some special needs students that will need more time to reach grade level expectations. Several students have achieved grade level benchmarks and will continue working to maintain and increase their achievement level.
- ELA Goal Strategies, Actions, Timelines, and Assignments:
The district will become familiar with all content standards. Educators within the district will develop a plan to incorporate instructional strategies and curriculum which assists in teaching these content standards. Students will be assessed on a regular basis. Formative and summative assessments will be used as well as i-Ready and MAPS testing for diagnostics. Students will be assessed on reading and language comprehension, background knowledge, decoding skills, phonemic awareness, and syntax. Students who do not meet the content standards and benchmarks for these reading skills will be identified and provided with a plan which encourages more one on one instructional time and practice. The district is using a standards-based grading system.
-- Based on 2022-232 student progress, our goal is to have students achieve grade level benchmarks by the end of the 2023-24 school year, however, we do have some special needs students that will need more time to reach grade level expectations. Several students have achieved grade level benchmarks and will continue working to maintain and increase their achievement level.
- Other Goal (For example, SEL, Mental Health, Graduation Rates, Recruitment/Retention, Professional Development, Community and Family Engagement, etc.) Strategies, Actions, Timelines, and Assignments:
Hiring a part time teacher's aide to assist our one teacher (lead teacher). This will allow our lead teacher to spend more one-on-one time with each student to address specific learning needs.

Q48. How do you plan to use the remaining 80% for the allowable uses of funds related to preventing, preparing for, and responding to COVID-19 as required by ESSER I, II, and III? See page 5 of the ARP ESSER Fact Sheet for more information. Choose all evidence-based practices that apply.

- Evidenced-based curriculum
- Accelerating learning through instructional approaches: In-school acceleration-Certified educators provide support for students within the classroom and grade-level work, using high-quality instructional materials, instructional strategies, and formative assessments.
- Access to and effective use of technology
- Administering and using high-quality assessments that are valid and reliable, to accurately assess students' academic progress and assist educators in meeting students' academic needs, including through differentiating instruction
- Using data about students opportunity to learn indicators to help target resources and support
- Hiring new staff and avoiding layoffs
- Providing safe, healthy, inclusive learning environments
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Purchasing supplies to sanitize and clean the facilities

Q51. How do you plan to use ARP funds to support and stabilize the educator workforce? Choose all that apply.

- Technology to support learning: enable students to learn anywhere and teachers to teach essential standards
- Staffing additional physical and mental health support staff (counselors, social workers)
- Other (please identify in the box below):
teacher's aide - part time

Q53. How will the District monitor the impact of the ARP ESSER funded interventions or strategies, including but not limited to the 20% set-aside, to respond effectively to the academic, social, emotional, and mental health needs of all students, and particularly those students disproportionately impacted?

i-ready, MAPS testing and Smarter Balance testing.

Q58.

Please provide the estimated number of jobs (FTEs) that have been or will be created by the school district through the district's planned use of ESSER III Funds.

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Q59.

Please provide the estimated number of jobs (FTEs) that have been or will be retained by the LEA through the LEA's planned use of ESSER III Funds.

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Q60. Did you coordinate ARP ESSER funds with other federal funds to address student needs?

- No

Q63. For which of the following student groups do you have a distinct English Language Arts (ELA) goal? Choose all that apply.

- Students with Disabilities
- Free and Reduced Lunch
- White

Q64. For which of the following student groups do you have a distinct goal other than Math or ELA? Choose all that apply.

- Students with Disabilities
- Free and Reduced Lunch
- White

Q65. Describe your Other goal for each identified student group.

For all students' to meet or exceed Montana Standards. Increase Smarter Balance test scores. Increase i-Ready and MAPS test scores.

Q67. If you are planning to develop or use approaches that are novel to achieve your Math, ELA, or other goal, would you be willing to have the OPI share your approaches with state and federal entities? If so, please briefly describe your innovation below.

n/a

Q68. If you are planning to develop or use approaches that are novel to implement prevention and mitigation strategies, would you be willing to have the OPI share your approaches with state and federal entities? If so, please briefly describe your innovation below.

n/a

Q69. If you are planning to develop or use approaches that are novel to support and stabilize the educator workforce, would you be willing to have the OPI share your approaches with state and federal entities? If so, please briefly describe your innovation below.

n/a

Q70. If you are planning to develop or use approaches that are novel to address lost instructional time, would you be willing to have the OPI share your approaches with state and federal entities? If so, please briefly describe your innovation below.

n/a

Q71. Goal Action Plan:

Please define your Math goal, English Language Arts (ELA) goal, and other goal, based on the priorities you identified.

Explain what instruments or methods will be used to monitor the progress of the goals and determine if the goals are met. Click the box and provide the text response for each applicable box.

- **Math Goal:**
Pleasant Valley School District's math goal is for students' to meet or exceed Montana Standards for mathematics. Increase Smarter Balance test scores.
We would also like to:
 1. Equip students to become independent thinkers and problem solvers.
 2. Develop students' abilities to apply mathematical concepts to real life situations.
 3. Use manipulatives effectively and efficiently.
 4. Incorporate into the classroom various learning strategies.
 5. Understand the effectiveness of assessments and accurately use them.
 6. Collaborate with colleagues to find resources in order to professionally grow and better serve the student's needs.
- **ELA Goal:**
Pleasant Valley School District's ELA goal to create literate, thoughtful communicators, prepared to enter their next grade level and society. Meet or exceed Montana Standards for ELA. Increase Smarter Balance test scores.
We would also like to:
 1. Maintain a high standard of excellence for all students.
 2. Effectively meet all students' learning needs.
 3. Provide equipment and materials for students and teachers.
 4. Expose students to both digital and print literacy.
 5. Educate all students to become literate and contributing citizens.
- **Other Goal (For example, SEL, Mental Health, Graduation Rates, Recruitment/Retention, Professional Development, Community and Family Engagement, etc.):**
Directly address the learning loss due to COVID pandemic by funding a part time teacher's aide position to assist our teacher. The aide will assist with learning so more instruction time can be spent with the other students to bring them up to speed due to instruction time lost during the pandemic.

Q74. Describe the stakeholder consultation that was completed to inform this update. Include dates, locations, and links where relevant.

The District invites public comment from all community stakeholder groups through public board meeting discussions and email. Notice for public input is posted on the District's website.

Q75. Please write a summary statement describing this update. Example: "This submission reflects our first update of our plan in November of 2021"

This submission reflects the latest update of our plan in November 2023.

Q77. Please select the statement below that accurately describes your role:

- I am submitting this data on behalf of the Authorized Representative for this district.

Q78. Please select the statement below that accurately describes this submission:

- This is the first time we are submitting this plan update

Q79. Please Sign Here

You have reached the end of the LEA ARP ESSER Plan Update Tool.

Please take a moment to verify that your plan is fully updated. This is your last opportunity to use the back buttons to update or edit your responses before submitting.

When you are ready to submit please respond to the items below to ensure that the OPI is able to process your submission.
