

## 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.

Using our ESSER Stakeholder survey, issued and completed by nearly 300 residents of our school community, after school tutoring was indeed identified as a need. Students will be referred to the program based on observed classroom performance, benchmark diagnostic assessments, quarterly report cards, progress monitoring instruments, previous PSSA(s), and other identified assessments (BAS, DIBELS, etc.) While many many families are/were/will continue to struggle with day to day meals, mortgage, and mobility, our students are suffering the most. In general, our school community lacks the needed connectivity and parent support for kids to succeed, while being faced with so many challenges.

**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.

2. 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	BAS, DIBELS, Leveled Literacy Intervention, Benchmark Assessments, Small group instruction, peer to peer mentoring, increased Title 1 supports, SEL instructional strategies led by MHC, increased Mental Health supports
Children with Disabilities	Academic Growth	125	BAS, DIBELS, Leveled Literacy Intervention, Benchmark Assessments, Small group instruction, peer to peer mentoring, increased Title 1 supports, SEL instructional strategies led by MHC, increased Mental Health supports

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

Utilizing BAS, DIBELS, and Study Island Benchmark data as a baseline of academic

performance, we will create individualized learning plans to meet the needs of the children participating in the after-school program. Greater focus will be given from a mental health perspective, as the district recently hired a second Mental Health Counselor. SEL and Trauma Informed practices will be facilitated on a regular basis, so as to enhance social skills and emotional regulation by all students.

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
40	Internal	lead tutoring/instructional groups during after-school hours



- 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
BAS	2x/year	students reading on grade level
Study Island Benchmark	2x/year	expected growth from 1st to 2nd assessment.....ON GRADE LEVEL

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

Via Facebook, Twitter, webpage push notifications, and our local newspaper, a complete synopsis of the proposed program will be delivered to all families within our school community. Routine communication by participating teachers will occur with participating students.

**Section: Budget - Instruction Expenditures**

Instruction Expenditures

**Budget**

\$84,060.00

**Allocation**

\$84,060.00

**Budget Over(Under) Allocation**

\$0.00

Budget Overview

Function	Object	Amount	Description
1000 - Instruction	500 - Other Purchased Services	\$15,000.00	Transporting students who participate in our after-school program
1100 - REGULAR PROGRAMS – ELEMENTARY / SECONDARY	100 - Salaries	\$37,000.00	Teacher salary
1100 - REGULAR PROGRAMS – ELEMENTARY / SECONDARY	200 - Benefits	\$15,000.00	Teacher benefits
1200 - SPECIAL PROGRAMS – ELEMENTARY / SECONDARY	100 - Salaries	\$12,000.00	Teacher salary
1200 - SPECIAL PROGRAMS – ELEMENTARY / SECONDARY	200 - Benefits	\$5,060.00	Teacher benefits
		<b>\$84,060.00</b>	

**Section: Budget - Support and Non-Instructional Expenditures**

Support and Non-Instructional Expenditures

**Budget**

\$84,060.00

**Allocation**

\$84,060.00

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**Budget Over(Under) Allocation**

\$0.00

Budget Overview

Function	Object	Amount	Description
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		<b>\$0.00</b>	

**Section: Budget - Budget Summary**  
**BUDGET SUMMARY**

	<b>100 Salaries</b>	<b>200 Benefits</b>	<b>300 Purchased Professional and Technical Services</b>	<b>400 Purchased Property Services</b>	<b>500 Other Purchased Services</b>	<b>600 Supplies 800 Dues and Fees</b>	<b>700 Property</b>	<b>Totals</b>
<b>1000 Instruction</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$15,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$15,000.00
<b>1100 REGULAR PROGRAMS – ELEMENTARY / SECONDARY</b>	\$37,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$52,000.00
<b>1200 SPECIAL PROGRAMS – ELEMENTARY / SECONDARY</b>	\$12,000.00	\$5,060.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$17,060.00
<b>1300 CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>1400 Other Instructional Programs – Elementary / Secondary</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>1600 * ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAMS</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>1700 Higher Education Programs</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>1800 Pre-K</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>2000 SUPPORT SERVICES</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>2100 SUPPORT SERVICES – STUDENTS</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>2200 Staff Support</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00



	<b>100 Salaries</b>	<b>200 Benefits</b>	<b>300 Purchased Professional and Technical Services</b>	<b>400 Purchased Property Services</b>	<b>500 Other Purchased Services</b>	<b>600 Supplies 800 Dues and Fees</b>	<b>700 Property</b>	<b>Totals</b>
<b>Services</b>								
<b>2300 SUPPORT SERVICES – ADMINISTRATION</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>2400 Health Support Services</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>2500 Business Support Services</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>2600 Operation and Maintenance</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>2700 Student Transportation</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>2800 Central Support Services</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>3000 OPERATION OF NON-INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>3100 Food Services</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>3200 Student Activities</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>3300 Community Services</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>4000 FACILITIES ACQUISITION, CONSTRUCTION AND IMPROVEMENT SERVICES</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$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
	\$49,000.00	\$20,060.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$15,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$84,060.00
Approved Indirect Cost/Operational Rate: 0.0000								\$0.00
Final								\$84,060.00