

Gladewater ISD ESSER PLAN

Gladewater ISD submitted an application for federal funds appropriated to the State of Texas for public education purposes under the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act through the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief III (ESSER III) Fund.

ESSER III Funds: \$4,223, 486 – To be expended over a 3- year period.

Purpose:

To respond to the pandemic and address student learning loss as a result of COVID-19 by providing evidence-based interventions, such as summer learning, extended day comprehensive after school programs and/or extended school year programs that respond to students' academic, social, and emotional needs and to address disproportionate impact of coronavirus on student populations as defined in ESEA, Title I, Part A; students experiencing homelessness; and youth in foster care.

Plan

1. Purchase a sufficient number of Chromebooks to complete the district's transition into a 1-to-1 district (one Chromebook per student);
2. Outfit each district classroom with a BenQ interactive board to provide a significant technology upgrade for enhanced instructional delivery possibilities.
3. Upgrade the district's wireless infrastructure to better accommodate the upgrades in technology hardware and software.
4. Compensation for technology support personnel at each campus
5. Incentive compensation for teachers who effectively move students back to appropriate grade level achievement and beyond
6. Transportation costs associated with transporting students to and from accelerated learning opportunities outside of normal school hours
7. Additional classroom space at Gladewater Primary School in the form of a high-quality auxiliary building to reduce class sizes for students in the Pre-Kindergarten program and the expansion of the gym for social distancing.
8. Other future supplies, contracted services, and/or payroll expenses deemed necessary to accelerate student learning and improve the quality of instruction provided by the district to its students.