# California Department of Education (CDE) American Rescue Plan Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Plan

## California Department of Education, July 2021

### **Timeline**

| Date | Action |
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| March 11, 2021 | American Rescue Plan (ARP) signed into law on March 11, 2021. The Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) fund created. |
| April 21, 2021 | U.S Department of Education (ED) releases the ARP ESSER State Plan template. |
| May 14, 2021 | Board President Darling- Hammond and State Superintendent Thurmond send letter to ED in order to request extension to the ARP ESSER State Plan to August 2, 2021 due to California State Board of Education (SBE) approval requirements and the state budget process. |
| May 24, 2021 | CDE posts preliminary ARP ESSER (also known as ESSER III) allocations and Resource Codes on its website. |
| June 7, 2021 | CDE posts assurances portal; portal includes a reminder that submitting assurances triggers the start of a 30-day clock to complete a Safe Return Plan. CDE posts a Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services Plan template and indicates requirements to either use an existing plan (if applicable) or to complete the template. |
| June 15, 2021 | State Constitutional deadline for the Legislature to pass 2021-22 budget. |
| June 21, 2021 | CDE hosting a Webinar to solicit feedback related to the proposed LEA Expenditure Plan template and instructions to implement the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Elementary and Secondary School Relief (ESSER) funds. |
| June 29, 2021 | California Practitioners Advisory Group Meeting. |
| July 14-15, 2021 | SBE meeting to review California’s ARP ESSER State Plan. |
| July 25, 2021 | Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services Plan Template due for all LEAs who had not previously submitted a plan. Many LEAs submitted a COVID-19 Safety Plan prior to March 11 which meets this requirement.  |
| August 2, 2021 | ARP ESSER State Plan Due to ED (date as requested on May 14, 2021). |
| September 30, 2021 | LEA ARP ESSER Expenditure Plans due. |
| December 7, 2021 | Deadline for an LEA who completed the Assurances on June 7, 2021 to have revised their Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services Plan. |
| September 30, 2024 | ARP ESSER funds expire. |