

GREATER NANTICOKE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN 7% SET ASIDE

The Pennsylvania Department of Education has reserved 10% of their portion of the American Rescue Plan (ARP) funds in their initial allocation of ESSER II. Now 7% of these reserved funds are being designated to school districts and other LEA's based on the 2020-2021 Title IA allocations. This 7% set aside provides an additional \$569,734 in ARP funds to Greater Nanticoke. The Department of Education has specific requirements that this set aside must be spent on and the school district must submit this plan to the Pennsylvania Department of Education and must publicize this information on the district website.

The 7% set aside must address the following:

- Learning Loss of Students at all Levels of Education K-12
- Summer School
- After School Programs
- Social, Emotional, and Mental Health
- Professional Development for Social, Emotional, and Mental Health

A minimum of 7% must be utilized to address learning loss of students brought on by the COVID-19 Pandemic. The learning loss must be addressed through evidence-based interventions for all students. These interventions include items such as summer school for students K-8, Credit Recovery for students 9-12, extending the school day for students K-8, and evidence-based technology programs for both special education and regular education students.

In an effort to address learning loss at all levels of education in the district, the Greater Nanticoke Area School District is providing the following draft plan:

- Provide summer learning opportunities in the summer of 2022 and 2023 for Elementary Students for a Summer Skills Camp in Reading and Math for students in Grades K-5. The camp will focus on remediation of math and reading standards that students lost due to the pandemic.
- Provide summer learning opportunities for Middle School Students in STEM Education during the summers of 2022 and 2023. The focus of the STEM camp will provide students with remediation with fun activities in science and mathematics with a focus on PA Academic Standards for Science and PA Common Core Standards for Mathematics.
- Provide for a free High School Credit Recovery Program for students in Grades 9-12 in the summers of 2022 and 2023.
- Provide a free program for special education students during the summers of 2022 and 2023 who exhibited learning loss during the pandemic.
- Provide a program for K-8 students after school for reading and math during the 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 school years.
- Provide a counsellor from Northeast Counselling Services to provide mental health counseling in the school for the 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 school years.