

FUNDING GUIDE

How stimulus funds can support meaningful classroom learning

Newsela products create meaningful learning opportunities for all students, regardless of their backgrounds, abilities, or interests. Newsela's content, features, activities, and instructional supports make it possible for districts to support differentiated instruction while still promoting rich interpersonal connections in the classroom.

Read on for common allowable use cases that can be applied to ESSER I, ESSER II, and/or ARP ESSER.



Addressing “learning loss”



ARP ESSER requires that at least 20% of funds are directed towards mitigating "learning loss."

Newsela ELA, Newsela Social Studies, and Newsela Science can help make your "learning loss" plan successful by ensuring lessons are engaging, inclusive, grounded in SEL, and aligned to the standards that students may be behind on. With Newsela subject products, teachers can go beyond intervention-only approaches to "learning loss" and facilitate meaningful, joyful lessons—while covering critical standards. And it's all on one platform that works for any learning environment.

- ✓ Based in the learning science of student motivation and engagement
- ✓ Supports for the whole child help students get back in the right mindset to learn
- ✓ Aligned to ESSA Tier II evidence requirements
- ✓ One platform for both extended learning (e.g., tutoring) and the school year
- ✓ Flexibility to prioritize the standards and concepts all students need to be successful going forward

Promoting equity for all learners

ESSER I, ESSER II, and ARP ESSER all allow districts to use funds for supporting vulnerable subgroups.

Newsela's subject products deliver equity for all learners with a platform that is highly accessible, and an approach that ensures the materials themselves are accessible. Our representative content is sourced from diverse publications, ensuring all students see their unique identities affirmed in instructional materials.

- ✓ Proven to have a positive impact on schools, regardless of their student subgroup composition
- ✓ Teachers can scaffold instruction with customizable writing prompts, annotations, and assignment directions
- ✓ All nonfiction content published at five reading levels
- ✓ WCAG AA compliant platform makes content accessible to students with disabilities
- ✓ Culturally responsive, current content comes from diverse sources and engages students of all backgrounds
- ✓ Accessible via desktop, mobile, and tablet

Social emotional learning



ESSER I, ESSER II, and ARP ESSER all allow districts to use funds for supporting mental health and whole-child wellness.

Newsela ELA, Newsela Social Studies, and Newsela Science weave social emotional learning throughout content area instruction, allowing educators to both nurture students' well-being and develop important academic skills.

- ✓ Embedded SEL resources across all subject products help weave SEL into content area instruction for ELA, social studies, and science
- ✓ Resources for teachers on how to spark discussion and connection
- ✓ The Newsela SEL Collection includes content and lessons organized by subject, time of year, and the five CASEL competencies

Engaging students with interactive lessons

ESSER I, ESSER II, and ARP ESSER all allow districts to use funds for technology that enable regular, substantive interaction between teachers and students.

Students need to connect with their teachers and peers now more than ever. With Newsela ELA, Newsela Social Studies, and Newsela Science, students of all abilities can access grade-level concepts together through leveled content and instructional resources meant to spark discussion.

- ✓ Thousands of lesson resources for teachers across subjects with ideas for interactive activities
- ✓ Content rendered at five reading levels empowers all students to participate in discussions
- ✓ Teacher-student and student-teacher annotations encourage communication
- ✓ Project-based learning collections for every subject drive student choice and agency

Ready to invest in engaging instructional materials?

Our team would love to learn more about your instructional goals and see how federal stimulus funds can support meaningful classroom learning in your district.

[Contact us](#) to start the conversation.

Assessing student academic progress

ESSER II, and ARP ESSER all allow districts to use funds to accurately assess students' academic progress and assist educators in meeting students' academic needs, including through differentiating instruction.

Formative provides a way to know where every student is in their learning—every day. Use Formative's library of pre-made assessments or create your own to accurately assess academic progress. Use Formative's content, questions, and assigning options to differentiate for student needs.

Enabling regular educational interaction

ESSER I, ESSER II, and ARP ESSER all allow districts to use funds to aid in regular, substantive educational interaction between students and educators.

Formative's two-way instant messaging system between educators and students enables regular educational interaction. Teachers can assist their students in real-time through text, audio, video, and visual options.

Summer learning & after-school programs

ESSER I, ESSER II, and ARP ESSER all allow districts to use funds to implement summer learning and supplemental afterschool program activities.

Whether summer school instruction is in the classroom, online, or a combination, we're there to help. Formative can be used on any device (including cell phones), and our real time student responses and feedback, and differentiation options make it easy to address the needs of every student.

Improving student engagement

ESSER II, and ARP ESSER all allow districts to use funds to improve student engagement in distance education.

Formative enables teachers to see in real time whether students have opened or completed assignments. Use our multimodal options (video, text, images, and more!) and real-time messaging to engage students in their learning.

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Formative is the perfect support for your summer school curriculum. Upload and transform your lessons and/or assessments in Formative to accurately assess progress and effortlessly adjust your instruction in the moment to student needs.

Learning tools that improve learning & engagement

ESSER II, and ARP ESSER all allow districts to use funds to aids in regular and substantive educational interaction between students and their classroom instructors

Formative includes built-in messaging tools and real-time feedback that enable teachers and students to communicate directly with each other. Real-time alerts and notifications identify students who need additional attention and support.

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