

Houston Heights High School ESSER III Use of Funds Plan

ESSER III Funding Plan

The intent and purpose of the ESSER III funding is to help safely reopen and sustain the safe operation of schools and address the impact of the coronavirus pandemic on students. Houston Heights High School (HHHS) must comply with federal reporting requirements in the ESSER III application to be considered for funding. Houston Heights High School must demonstrate compliance with the ESSER III federal grant requirements by using at least 20% of funds for learning loss mitigation, including afterschool, summer school, and or extended day/year programs, targeted to ESEA subgroups, students experiencing homelessness, and children and youth in foster care.

ESSER III Allocation

Houston Heights High School's total allocation of ESSER III federal grant funds is \$655,104. Of this total allocation at least 20% (\$131,020) must be set-aside for learning loss mitigation.

The funding plan includes a total of four allowable activities. \$358,000 will be used to mitigate learning loss. The remaining funds will be used for other activities in an effort to mitigate the impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic. The funding plan includes planned expenditures over a 3-year period: 2021-2023.

Stakeholder Input

Houston Heights High School engaged stakeholders to provide meaningful consultation through online and paper surveys regarding the ESSER III grant opportunity. The following were invited to participate in meetings or complete surveys:

- 1) Students
- 2) Parents and/or guardians
- 3) School staff
- 4) Other stakeholders as designated in the ESSER III guidelines.

The 5 most identified areas include:

- 1) Provide Mental Health Services
- 2) Improve Indoor Air Quality
- 3) Support Teachers with Professional Development

- 4) Create More Learning Time
- 5) Support College and Career Readiness

Houston Heights High School used the quantitative and qualitative stakeholder input to develop a Funding Plan and Safe Return to In-Person Instruction Plan which is to be reviewed every 6 months.

The funds can be used over a five (5) fiscal year period from 2019-2020 (effective March 2020) through a roll-forward period of 2023-2024.

Houston Heights High School will utilize the funds in the current fiscal year, 2020-2021 through the 2022- 2023 fiscal year. If 100% of the funds have not been spent, HHHS will request to extend the grant through the roll-forward period of 2023-2024.

The ESSER III Grant Application allows for amendments to the original grant application until July 5th, 2023. As Houston Heights High School implements the grant activities and conducts ongoing planning, including review of stakeholder input, HHHS may amend the application.

Ongoing Planning and Feedback

During the life of the ESSER III Grant, the Houston Heights High School is required to continue to review the ESSER III Funding Plan and Safe Return to In-Person Instruction Plan every six months.

We seek continuous feedback from our stakeholders to ensure that we meet the academic and safety needs of our students.

We thank you for your feedback during the initial stakeholder input surveys and request your continued feedback through surveys, focus group meetings, etc. on an ongoing basis.

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Our Vision Statement:

Houston Heights High School provides a safe and supportive learning environment where students and staff are compassionate, self-disciplined, and critical thinkers.



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