

ESSER Recipient Data Collection Webinar  
Frequently Asked questions

1. Where on the website can we find the recording?

*The [ESSER Recipient Data Collection - LEA Webinar](#) recording is posted on ISBE.net under the [COVID ESSER Resources](#).*

2. When will the reporting system open in IWAS?

*The reporting system will open Friday, February 3, 2023.*

3. When is the report due?

*The report is due Friday, March 17, 2023.*

4. Will access to ESSER Recipient Data Collection Year 2 allow the new report to populate on the system listing, or do users request access to a whole new report?

*The ESSER Recipient Data Collection - LEA report will populate on the administrator's IWAS system listing under Reporting/Annual. Administrators may provide the user's district level access.*

5. Does the ARP ESSER III LEA Reserve Learning Loss reported include ESSER I, II, and ARP ESSER III?

*The ARP ESSER III LEA Reserve Learning Loss is only included in ARP ESSER III. The expended reporting period is 07/01/2021 – 06/30/2022.*

6. How can a district access reports that were submitted in prior years?

*Districts can submit requests for reports from prior years to [ESSERGEERREPORTING@isbe.net](mailto:ESSERGEERREPORTING@isbe.net). ISBE will extract a report that has been requested and send it to the requestee. Some prior year reporting elements are located on the [U.S. Department of Education's Education Stabilization Fund Transparency Portal](#).*

7. Is a district able to save and exit the report, then return to complete it at another time?

*Yes. The user must select "Next" at the bottom of each tab to save responses and exit the report.*

8. Do ESSER I expended funds include the participation of nonpublic schools?

*CARES provided nonpublic equitable share through ESSER I. Emergency Assistance for Nonpublic Schools I and II programs provided services to nonpublic schools as specified in CRRSA and ARP.*

9. Does the question, “Did the LEA allocate some portion of ESSER funds to schools during this reporting period in ESSER I, II, or APR ESSER III?,” include the ESSER I equitable share required for nonpublic schools?

*Yes, ESSER I funds expended from 07/01/2021-06/30/2022 include the nonpublic equitable share.*

10. Does a district consider amended grants that have not been approved when reporting?

*A district considers ESSER I, ESSER II, and ARP ESSER III expenditures from 07/01/2021 - 06/30/2022. These should not be included when reporting since amended grants have not been approved nor expended.*

11. Do entities that have been using ARP ESSER III funds to implement after-school programs need to evaluate/meet certain benchmarks (e.g., 10% improved attendance equal 10% increased homework completion)?

*Benchmarks do not need to be evaluated/met.*

12. Is this report for information purposes only or does it affect future fundings?

*Entities that received ESSER funds are required to submit the report.*

13. Does a district that had expended all funds before this reporting period still need to complete the report?

*Districts should review and provide responses to applicable questions related to the 07/01/2021-6/30/2022 reporting period. If ESSER I, ESSER II, and ARP ESSER III funds were expended in a prior reporting period, the expended amounts for this reporting period (07/01/2021-6/30/2022) will prepopulate as \$0.00.*

14. Will there be more ESSER reports due after these?

*Yes. ESSER reports are due annually. ESSER reporting periods are:*

- *ESSER I state fiscal year 2023*
- *ESSER II state fiscal year 2024*
- *ARP ESSER III state fiscal year 2025.*

15. The boxes say “optional.” Is listing the amounts required or optional?

*Amounts are required if the entity responded "yes" to the question and/or are applicable to the program.*

16. Is a district required to complete the ARP ESSER section if it did not have an approved ARP ESSER III grant during FY 2022?

*Yes. A district that did not have an approved grant must complete the ARP ESSER III section regarding remaining ARP ESSER funds III.*

17. Is it possible to consider a later due date?

*ISBE reaffirmed the due date with the U.S. Department of Education. This reporting period date cannot be changed; the department will consider ISBE's feedback pertaining to a later date for future reporting years.*

18. Are any of the reporting items included in the quarterly expense reports for grants that could be preloaded into the district profile?

*No, the quarterly expenditure reports do not collect data for federal reporting categories. Therefore, this required information cannot be preloaded from the district's profile.*

19. Who is the contact for questions?

Contact [ESSERGEERREPORTING@isbe.net](mailto:ESSERGEERREPORTING@isbe.net) or 217-785-1969 for technical support.