

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. 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 or 217-785-1969 for technical support.