Section: Narratives - Needs Assessment

Introduction

The findings of a recent study showed that there is a significant benefit to students who participate in out-of-school-time (OST) programs. In fact, the Return on Investment of Summer school Programs in Pennsylvania study determined that for every dollar invested in summer school programming for students there was a return of $6.69 in potential benefits to students, including reduced rates for drop-outs, teen pregnancy, substance abuse, crime and delinquency (Link PSAYDN.org).

In accordance with the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act and Pennsylvania Act 24 of 2021 (Act 24), the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) will award approximately $50,000,000 or one percent (1%) of Pennsylvania's ARP Elementary and Secondary School Education Relief (ESSER) State Reserve funds to support school districts, charter schools and cyber charter schools (collectively, LEAs) in the development and implementation of comprehensive after-school programs to address learning loss in response to the academic, social, emotional and mental health needs of students and subgroups of students impacted by COVID-19 public health emergency that supplement school programs and activities.

Act 24 requires that, when available, existing personnel shall be utilized by school districts, charter schools and cyber charter schools to staff programs and activities established with these grant funds.

Within 90 days of receipt of these allocations, school districts, charter schools and cyber charter schools must submit a three- part plan to PDE, that outlines the proposed use of the grant money, itemized by program and activity. This plan is part of a consolidated application that includes after-school programming, summer programming, and a comprehensive plan to address learning loss. The plan shall include:

> 1) A description of each program and activity
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> 2) A narrative outlining the expected benefit of each program and activity
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> 3) A budget for each program and activity detailing personnel and operating costs

PDE has developed the Accelerated Learning Toolkit, a significant cadre of resources and trainings, to support LEAs in the development of their plans. The Accelerated Learning Toolkit can be found Link to Accelerated Learning Toolkit.

Section 1 - Needs Assessment: In this section, LEAs are asked to describe the impact of the pandemic on their students since March 2020.

Indicators of Impact

1. Describe how the LEA identified students for inclusion in a summer school program. Include a brief description of the indicators used in the decision-making process.

The Rockwood Area School District understands that COVID closures and remote instruction produced learning gaps for students. Even with teachers, students, and parents working collaboratively to meet the needs of learners, instruction was not the same as in-person

instruction within a brick and mortar school. Summer school programs began during the summer of 2021. Students that were failing core subject courses were identified through grades and teacher recommendations. Teachers use classroom assessment data, benchmark assessments, universal screeners, and observations to identify students in need. Rockwood Elementary uses DIBELS 8, DRA IIs, EasyCBM, 4Sight, classroom grades, CBA, and teacher recommendations. The use of a Multi-tiered System of Support program also supports student academic growth.

Section: Narratives - Summer School Program Questions

Summer School Program Questions: In this section, LEAs are asked to describe the activities they have designed to provide summer school programming for their students.

2. Identify the target student-group for the summer school program. Will the focus be on academic growth, social and emotional wellness, or some other factor to support student growth? For each group, provide specific strategies that were used or will be used to identify and measure impacts.

Student Group	Area of Focus	Number of Students Served	Provide specific strategies that were used or will be used to identify and measure impacts
Children from Low-Income Families	Academic Growth	200	All Rockwood Area School District students will be eligible to participate in Summer School programs if they demonstrate a need academically. No child will be refused from this program for any. Student grades in core courses of reading, Math, Science, and Social Studies.
Children with Disabilities	Academic Growth	25	All Rockwood Area School District students will be eligible to participate in Summer School programs if they demonstrate a need academically. No child will be refused from this program for any. Student grades in core courses of reading, Math, Science, and Social

Student Group	Area of Focus	Number of Students Served	Provide specific strategies that were used or will be used to identify and measure impacts
			Studies.

3. Describe the evidence-based resources that will be used to support student growth during the summer school program.

Teachers and paraprofessionals will use curriculum based instructional materials, PDE SAS resources, remedial instructional resources (95% group, ECT...), and curriculum based assessments from instructional resources such as textbook series. Subject/Course instruction connected to RASD curriculum and PDE SAS standards provided by certified teachers for the subject or grade level.

4. Describe the staff that will provide the summer school program (i.e,. internal staff or outside resources).

Number of Staff Members	Internal/Outside Provider	Role
10	Internal Provider	Teaching core content within core subjects to students demonstrating academic need.

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a. The LEA assures it understands it is responsible to offer the work to its internal employees prior to engaging outside entities.

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b. The LEA assures it understands it is responsible to ensure that all summer school program staff hold the appropriate certifications for the program that is being delivered.

5. How will the LEA assess the success of the summer school program? Please identify the tool, frequency of use, and expected results.

Tool Used to Evaluate Success	Frequency of Use	Expected Results
Classroom assignments/Assessments	Weekly/Academic Need	Average Academic Grade/Academic growth
Benchmark Assessments/Progress Monitoring	Weekly/In Session	Benchmark improvement/Rate of Improvement Goal set.

6. How will the LEA engage families in the summer school program?

Families of students demonstrating difficulty academically will receive communication from teachers, guidance counselors, and/or building principals. Communication will be open related to student participation and need for the summer school programs. Programs may include remediation, enrichment, or interest based instructional experiences for students. Information will be sent to families regarding the program. Progress reports and summer school documentation will be supplied to the parents. Parents of failing students will be notified of academic difficulties through the classroom/subject teacher.

Section: Budget - Instruction Expenditures

Instruction Expenditures

Budget

$11,551.00

Allocation

$11,551.00

Budget Over(Under) Allocation

$0.00

Budget Summary

Function	Object	Amount	Description
1000 - Instruction	200 - Benefits	$4,919.00	Benefits for teachers and paraprofessionals providing instruction and interventions during the summer school program.
1000 - Instruction	100 - Salaries	$6,632.00	Salaries for teachers and paraprofessionals providing instruction and interventions during the summer school program.
		$11,551.00	

Section: Budget - Support and Non-Instructional Expenditures

Support and Non-Instructional Expenditures

Budget

$11,551.00

Allocation

$11,551.00

Budget Over(Under) Allocation

$0.00

Budget Summary

Function	Object	Amount	Description
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		$0.00	

Section: Budget - Budget Summary

BUDGET SUMMARY

	100 Salaries	200 Benefits	300 Purchased Professional and Technical Services	400 Purchased Property Services	500 Other Purchased Services	600 Supplies 800 Dues and Fees	700 Property	Totals
1000 Instruction	$6,632.00	$4,919.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$11,551.00
1100 REGULAR PROGRAMS – ELEMENTARY / SECONDARY	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
1200 SPECIAL PROGRAMS – ELEMENTARY / SECONDARY	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
1300 CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
1400 Other Instructional Programs – Elementary / Secondary	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
1600 * ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAMS	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
1700 Higher Education Programs	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
1800 Pre-K	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
2000 SUPPORT SERVICES	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
2100 SUPPORT SERVICES – STUDENTS	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
2200 Staff Support	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00

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Services								
2300 SUPPORT SERVICES – ADMINISTRATION	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
2400 Health Support Services	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
2500 Business Support Services	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
2600 Operation and Maintenance	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
2700 Student Transportation	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
2800 Central Support Services	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
3000 OPERATION OF NON-INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
3100 Food Services	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
3200 Student Activities	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
3300 Community Services	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
4000 FACILITIES ACQUISITION, CONSTRUCTION AND IMPROVEMENT SERVICES	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00

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	$6,632.00	$4,919.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$11,551.00
				Approved Indirect Cost/Operational Rate: 0.0000				$0.00
				Final				$11,551.00