THREE MAIN FEDERAL LAWS PROVIDED EMERGENCY AID FOR PUBLIC EDUCATION

› CARES Act (March 2020)
› CRRSA Act (December 2020)
› ARP Act (March 2021)

Each law has a main source of funding for public elementary and secondary education: Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) Fund

Combined, Oklahoma received $2.3 billion for education and indicated the top priorities as:

› Addressing the loss of face-to-face instruction time
› Addressing student learning gaps
› Providing social-emotional learning and mental health supports to students

School counselors are uniquely trained to provide social-emotional learning and mental health supports to students!

ALLOWABLE EXPENSES TO SUPPORT SCHOOL COUNSELING PROGRAMS

Money should be used to “address the educational inequities that have been exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic, and address students’ social, emotional, mental health, and academic needs.”

This includes:

› Additional staff
› School counseling curriculum and materials
› Professional memberships to school counseling related organizations
› Relevant and high-quality professional development

Ongoing funding streams beyond emergency relief funds:

› Title I
› Title II
› Title III
› Title IV
› Title V
› Title VI
› Title VII
› Perkins

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