

New Castle Community School Corporation Federal COVID-19 Relief Spending

Across Indiana, \$2.8 billion in federal funding has been allocated to local school districts to help address schools' COVID-19 related needs.

Here at New Castle Community School Corporation , we have been allocated \$9,936,590 from three rounds of Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) funding – which is based on the district's share of the state's Title I allocation – and federal Governor's Emergency Education Relief (GEER) funds.

Over the last two years, we developed plans for how to strategically and sustainably deploy these funds to successfully accelerate student learning, support educators and update technology and other infrastructure.

Local plans can be found at <https://www.nccsc.k12.in.us/departments/legal/>.

Through our locally-developed plans, we are investing in –

- Curriculum materials, staff professional development/collaboration, remediation and an extended school day.
- Preschool program, counselors, social workers and instructional/graduation coaches
- Improvements to air quality and other student and staff safety projects

Per federal law, we have through September 2022 to encumber the first round of ESSER funding and through September 2023 and September 2024, respectively, to encumber the second and third rounds of their ESSER grants.

Funds are available for all school districts through a reimbursement process for approved expenses in the spending plan. Track New Castle's current uses and reimbursements of these funds at <https://www.in.gov/doe/grants/esser-geer-dashboard/>.

For more information on New Castle's federal COVID-19 relief funding, please contact Megan Bell, CFO/Corporation Treasurer.