

ESSER III Funds and their support of reopening BES following the pandemic:

As we continue to recover from the pandemic, we have utilized our ESSER III funds in a variety of ways which has paid off based on our statewide test scores for the 2022-2023 school year.

Here is a bulleted list of items that directly supported reopening and supporting the academic, social and emotional learning of our students:

- A robust after school enrichment program has been created to offer our students additional time at school learning about something they are passionate about. These enrichment activities occur in mixed aged groupings which build and support our school climate.
- Research shows that small class sizes support the learning of all students. Some money was used to hire staff to keep most of our classes around 10-15 students.
- Staff was hired through ESSER III to provide specialized instruction to our students.
- The pandemic brought to the forefront the need for updated technology. Updated laptops, Ipads, Promethean boards and staff to oversee the additional technology and updated technology lead to a need to have someone on staff to troubleshoot and offer guidance to staff.
- ESSER III offered us the opportunity to update instructional programs for our students.
- Building and grounds repairs were paid through the ESSER III grant. We had to replace piping and move and secure our fence which made our facility safer.
- Summer science camp was paid for through ESSER III. This program runs for 5 weeks during the summer and supports students who need an extra academic boost. Our three times yearly benchmarking scores help determine our neediest students.