

Iroquois West CUSD 10 use of ESSER Funds

ESSER II – The totality of ESSER II funds will be used for the Indoor Air Quality project that will improve filtration, temperature, and humidity conditions in IW classrooms. This is a mitigation to keep our students safe.

ESSER III – A portion of these funds will complete the IAQ project.

Additionally, ESSER III funds will also be used to address learning loss. Additional Aides will be hired to work more closely with students on research based interventions to increase student growth. Additional research based programs will also be purchased with these funds. Finally, PPE and test screening will be funded through ESSER III to help continue safe, in person learning.

A reminder about ESSER funds:

Schools have certain guidelines that must be followed to receive these federal funds. Addressing learning loss, remote learning, technology, indoor air quality and similar concerns related to the pandemic can be approved for these grants.

Other items, **such as a roof, do not qualify** for ESSER funds if they do not directly contribute to remote learning, digital access, indoor air quality, and similar items.

From the ISBE, *“ESSER II funds can be used in the same way as ESSER I funds (CARES Act) with the addition of addressing learning loss; preparing schools for reopening; testing, repairing, and upgrading projects to **improve indoor air quality** in school buildings.”*

ESSER III Funds: *“One important stipulation of the grant is that LEAs must reserve at least 20 percent of the direct allocation to address learning loss through the implementation of evidence-based interventions and to ensure that those interventions respond to students’ social, emotional, and academic needs and address the disproportionate impact of COVID-19 on underrepresented student groups.”*

Please note: These funds must be used by their deadline or they are lost. Below is Iroquois West’s allotment.

ESSER II Funds	\$594,283	Expire September 2023 (May be used for IAQ)
ESSER III Funds	\$1,334,030	Expire September 2024 (20% must be for learning loss. Remainder ok for IAQ)

