

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 Afterschool Programs in Pennsylvania](#) study determined that for every dollar invested in after-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 to 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
- 2) A narrative outlining the expected benefit of each program and activity
- 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](#).

Needs Assessment: In this section, LEAs are asked to describe the impact of the pandemic on their students, examine disproportionate impacts on specific student groups, and highlight the LEA's promising practices in supporting students' needs since March 2020.

Indicators of Impact

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

The Wissahickon School District will create an academic afterschool program to target the

needs of students related to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. Reading data show an increased need for interventions and support in reading, which will be the focus of the academic afterschool program. The Acadience Reading Skills Assessment benchmark scores as well as Running Records reading scores will be included among the indicators used in the decision-making process. Additionally, STAR and PSSA reading and math data will be employed.

Section: Narratives - After-school Program

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

- 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
Major Racial and Ethnic Groups	Academic Growth	257	The Wissahickon School District will use assessment data collected through the MTSS framework for identifying and measuring impacts. Assessments include Acadience Reading Skills Assessment, Running Records, MAP (Measure of Academic Progress) tests.
Children from Low-Income Families	Academic Growth	77	The Wissahickon School District will use assessment data collected through the MTSS framework for identifying and measuring impacts. Assessments include Acadience Reading Skills Assessment, Running Records, MAP (Measure of Academic Progress) tests.

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

The Wissahickon School District will use a variety of evidence-based resources, including Wilson Foundations resources, Just Words resources, and Read Naturally resources. Using student data, intervention teachers in the afterschool program will focus on evidence-based reading instruction which includes phonemic awareness, systematic phonics, fluency, vocabulary and comprehension instruction. Additionally, STAR and PSSA data will be employed to assess reading and math

4. Describe the staff that will provide the after- school program (i.e., Internal staff or outside resources).

Number of Staff Members	Internal/Outside Provider	Role
28	Internal	Classroom Teachers, Reading Specialists, and other specialists will be eligible to serve in the role of intervention teachers for the afterschool program.



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



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

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

Tool Used to Evaluate Success	Frequency of Use	Expected Results
		Nationally-normed standards-based assessment. Diagnostic identifies strengths/areas of

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MAP (Measure of Academic Progress)	Three times per year (fall, winter, spring)	need, determines progress/growth over time. Informs classroom instruction, interventions, extensions. The expected results are for students to progress at least one year's worth of growth over one year's time.
ACADIENCE READING (DIBELS NEXT/DAZE)	Three times per year (fall, winter, spring); additionally, progress monitoring weekly/bi-weekly	Assesses acquisition of early literacy skills and monitors the development of literacy and reading fluency skills. Informs small groups and tiered interventions. The expected results are for students to progress at least one year's worth of growth over one year's time.
RUNNING RECORD	Three formal 'snapshot' collections - Trimester 1, 2, 3; additionally, running records will be formatively collected throughout the school year	Formative reading fluency checks to inform small groups/differentiation and tiered interventions.
STAR	Three times per year (fall, winter, spring)	Assesses math and reading skills and levels.
PSSA	Once a year	Assesses students' achievement in math and reading.

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

The Wissahickon School District will provide information to parents/caregivers during a family/caregiver informational session about the afterschool program and will welcome input/feedback. Parents/caregivers will be informed of their children's progress throughout the school year.

Section: Budget - Instruction Expenditures

Instruction Expenditures

Budget

\$22,128.00

Allocation

\$22,128.00

Budget Over(Under) Allocation

\$0.00

Budget Overview

Function	Object	Amount	Description
1100 - REGULAR PROGRAMS – ELEMENTARY / SECONDARY	100 - Salaries	\$22,128.00	After School Program Salaries
		\$22,128.00	

Section: Budget - Support and Non-Instructional Expenditures

Support and Non-Instructional Expenditures

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\$22,128.00

Allocation

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\$0.00

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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	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
1100 REGULAR PROGRAMS – ELEMENTARY / SECONDARY	\$22,128.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$22,128.00
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 Services	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

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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
	\$22,128.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$22,128.00
Approved Indirect Cost/Operational Rate: 0.0000								\$0.00

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							Final	\$22,128.00