

## 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 Summer school Programs in Pennsylvania study determined that for every dollar invested in summer 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 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](#).

**Section 1 - Needs Assessment:** In this section, LEAs are asked to describe the impact of the pandemic on their students since March 2020.

### Indicators of Impact

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

The Carlisle Area School District embraces the opportunity continue offering summer programming to help address the needs of all of our learners and especially those affected most disproportionately by COVID-19. Teachers and administrators have identified decreased

academic achievement following COVID-19. Identification strategies include, but are not limited to, classroom observation, universal screeners and benchmark assessments, and report card data. The District also employs other sources of data - disciplinary data, attendance data, counseling center records, SAP referrals, and other indicators - to identify students who are experiencing additional barriers which may impede their ability to access school programming. Students who were already identified as at-risk - low-income students, students from identified racial or ethnic groups, English learners, and special education students - have been especially vulnerable to learning loss during COVID-19. In the past two years, the Carlisle Area School District has already drastically expanded our summer learning programming. It was expanded to include elementary students, two meals served, bus transportation, additional reading, special education, and ELD services, and partnerships with community agencies who also serve Carlisle kids. It is our intent that summer programming would be accessible to any interested student or family, but that it would specifically target students identified as "at risk" in any of these areas.

**Section: Narratives - Summer School Program Questions**

**Summer School Program Questions:** In this section, LEAs are asked to describe the activities they have designed to provide summer school programming for their students.

- 2. 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.

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Children from Low-Income Families	Academic Growth	300	<p>Teachers and administrators have identified decreased academic achievement following COVID-19. Identification strategies include, but are not limited to, classroom observation, universal screeners and benchmark assessments, and report card data. Students who were already identified as at-risk - low-income students, students from identified racial or ethnic groups, English learners, and special education students - have been especially vulnerable to learning loss during COVID-19.</p>
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Major Racial and Ethnic Groups	Academic Growth	150	<p>identified decreased academic achievement following COVID-19. Identification strategies include, but are not limited to, classroom observation, universal screeners and benchmark assessments, and report card data. Students who were already identified as at-risk - low-income students, students from identified racial or ethnic groups, English learners, and special education students - have been especially vulnerable to learning loss during COVID-19.</p>
Children with Disabilities	Academic Growth	100	<p>Teachers and administrators have identified decreased academic achievement following COVID-19. Identification strategies include, but are not limited to, classroom observation, universal screeners and benchmark assessments, and report card data.</p>

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English Learners	Academic Growth	50	<p>Teachers and administrators have identified decreased academic achievement following COVID-19. Identification strategies include, but are not limited to, classroom observation, universal screeners and benchmark assessments, and report card data. Students who were already identified as at-risk - low-income students, students from identified racial or ethnic groups, English learners, and special education students - have been especially vulnerable to learning loss during COVID-19.</p>

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Children from Low-Income Families	Emotional Wellness	300	<p>Teachers, counselors, and administrators have identified increased social and emotional needs which have impacted students' ability to fully access learning in school. These needs include re-learning school norms and expectations, managing and regulating behavior, and interacting appropriately with others. Identification strategies include, but are not limited to, classroom observation, disciplinary documentation, counseling office records and documentation, SAP records and documentation, and attendance data.</p>
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3. Describe the evidence-based resources that will be used to support student growth during the summer school program.



The Carlisle Area School District embraces the opportunity to provide robust summer learning programming for district students. We recognize the importance of additional remediation and support outside of the regular school year, and of high-dosage tutoring with individual students and small groups of students. We also recognize the importance of 1) providing enriching experiences and activities that provide opportunities for interaction and socialization which both support learning and are engaging and fun and 2) spending targeted time addressing skill-building (study skills, behavior regulation, organization skills) that directly impact a student's ability to thrive in school. As such, the District is continuing to expand our summer learning plans at each level - elementary, middle, and high. For example, last summer, we expanded programming to include our elementary level (brand new) and to include transportation and food service. These were major shifts toward opportunity and equity for all students to have access. The District already enjoys strong partnerships with local organizations. This program offers an excellent opportunity to leverage those partnerships to provide additional experiences and opportunities.

4. Describe the staff that will provide the summer school program (i.e., internal staff or outside resources).

Number of Staff Members	Internal/Outside Provider	Role
40	Internal Provider	We estimate the need for approximately 40 staff across all levels to serve out students' needs. This includes not only instructors, but bus drivers, administration, and food service personnel.



**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 summer school program staff hold the appropriate certifications for the program that is being delivered.**

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

Tool Used to Evaluate Success	Frequency of Use	Expected Results
Attendance metrics	Per summer learning session	We will track student participation in summer learning activities, and will disaggregate data by sub-group.
Achievement metrics	Summer reporting period	We will use grades and benchmark assessments to determine possible effects of summer learning programming on achievement.

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

The Carlisle Area School District has a strong history of involving parents in summer learning programming. At the middle and high school levels, there is a specified process to identify and invite targeted students to summer learning. At the elementary level, a clear set of criteria have been developed to communicate with families the need for and benefits of additional programming for their children. It would be our goal in all buildings to communicate the activities and experiences provided, to remove barriers to participation, and to share the benefits of participation. This would be done through principal emails and communications, targeted letters, flyers, website notifications, phone calls, and additional one-on-one communications.

**Section: Budget - Instruction Expenditures**

Instruction Expenditures

**Budget**  
 \$76,251.00  
**Allocation**  
 \$76,251.00

**Budget Over(Under) Allocation**  
 \$0.00

Budget Summary

Function	Object	Amount	Description
1000 - Instruction	100 - Salaries	\$66,000.00	Salaries for faculty and staff to facilitate summer learning instruction and programming.
1000 - Instruction	200 - Benefits	\$10,251.00	Benefits for faculty and staff to facilitate after school instruction and programming.
		<b>\$76,251.00</b>	

**Section: Budget - Support and Non-Instructional Expenditures**

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**Section: Budget - Budget Summary**  
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	<b>100 Salaries</b>	<b>200 Benefits</b>	<b>300 Purchased Professional and Technical Services</b>	<b>400 Purchased Property Services</b>	<b>500 Other Purchased Services</b>	<b>600 Supplies 800 Dues and Fees</b>	<b>700 Property</b>	<b>Totals</b>
<b>1000 Instruction</b>	\$66,000.00	\$10,251.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$76,251.00
<b>1100 REGULAR PROGRAMS – ELEMENTARY / SECONDARY</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>1200 SPECIAL PROGRAMS – ELEMENTARY / SECONDARY</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>1300 CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>1400 Other Instructional Programs – Elementary / Secondary</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>1600 * ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAMS</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>1700 Higher Education Programs</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>1800 Pre-K</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>2000 SUPPORT SERVICES</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>2100 SUPPORT SERVICES – STUDENTS</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>2200 Staff Support</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

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<b>Services</b>								
<b>2300 SUPPORT SERVICES – ADMINISTRATION</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>2400 Health Support Services</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>2500 Business Support Services</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>2600 Operation and Maintenance</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>2700 Student Transportation</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>2800 Central Support Services</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>3000 OPERATION OF NON-INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>3100 Food Services</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>3200 Student Activities</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>3300 Community Services</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>4000 FACILITIES ACQUISITION, CONSTRUCTION AND IMPROVEMENT SERVICES</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

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Approved Indirect Cost/Operational Rate: 0.0000								\$0.00
Final								\$76,251.00