



CAROLINE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

COVID-19 & BLUEPRINT FUNDING REPORT

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SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

(c) On or before December 1 each year in 2021 through 2023, each county board of education, including Baltimore City, shall report to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1257 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly, and the Accountability and Implementation Board on the county board's use of federal funding that was received to address the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic on education and State funding received to implement the Blueprint for Maryland's Future, including a description of the amount of fundingspent on student instruction.

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Certification Statement

I hereby certify that the use of federal funding that was received to address the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic on education and State funding received to implement the Blueprint for Maryland's Future, including a description of the amount of funding spent on student instruction is accurate.

Superintendent of Schools:

Printed Name: Derek L. Simmons, Ed.D.

Signature:  Date: 12/1/23

FUNDING

In this FUNDING Tab, LEAs will list the allocation and amount spent of federal COVID relief funds and Blueprint for Maryland's Future State funds.

Include the TOTAL ALLOCATION and the TOTAL amount SPENT of federal COVID relief funds as of 9/30/2023 .

Include the TOTAL ALLOCATION of State Blueprint for Maryland's Future funds and the TOTAL amount SPENT as of 10/31/2023 of State Blueprint for Maryland's Future funds for FY 2024 .

Federal COVID Relief Funding

ESSER I , II, III	Allocation	21,286,718	Amount Spent:	14,026,040
ESSER State Set Aside - Reopening, Food Open	Allocation	389,576	Amount Spent:	389,576
GEER Technology	Allocation	67,339	Amount Spent:	67,339
GEER I, II Competitive Grant - OPTIONAL	Allocation	N/A	Amount Spent:	N/A
CRF - Technology	Allocation	629,841	Amount Spent:	629,841
CRF - Tutoring	Allocation	796,618	Amount Spent:	796,618
SLFRF Supplemental Grants*	Allocation	2,816,021	Amount Spent:	2,522,496

Blueprint for Maryland's Future

Concentration of Poverty Personnel	Allocation	818,469	Amount Spent:	70,764
Concentration of Poverty Per Pupil	Allocation	510,790	Amount Spent:	0
Declining Enrollment Hold harmless	Allocation	N/A	Amount Spent:	N/A
Mental Health Coordinator	Allocation	N/A	Amount Spent:	N/A
Students with Disabilities	Allocation	3,054,986	Amount Spent:	1,538,640
Supplemental Prekindergarten	Allocation	2,097,828	Amount Spent:	433,925
Transitional Supplemental Instruction	Allocation	547,194	Amount Spent:	41,626
Teacher Salary Incentive	Allocation	N/A	Amount Spent:	N/A
Transportation Hold Harmless	Allocation	N/A	Amount Spent:	N/A

* Include Supplemental Grants for Reopening, Summer School, Trauma/Behavioral Health, Transitional Supplemental Instruction, and Tutoring.

Description of the amount spent and the USE of Funds

LEAs should use the space below to describe the use of federal covid relief funds, including spending as of 9/30/2023. LEAs should also discuss the use of FY 2024 Blueprint for Maryland's Future grant funds, including spending as of 10/31/2023. LEAs should include in the description of the use of funds, the amount spent and planned use of funds for instruction.

As of 9/30/23, Caroline County Public Schools has spent \$18,431,911 million in federal COVID relief funds. These funds have been spent on a variety of activities such as: (1) providing the necessary supports in technology/broadband access and outreach, (2) addressing the mental health and social-emotional learning needs of students, parents and educators, (3) the safe return to in-person instruction and continuity of services and (4) measuring and addressing lost instructional time. Funds have been used to purchase laptops and ipads for a 1:1 device program, protective covers and screen protectors, charging cases, device management software and live streaming technology. Funds have also been used to purchase PPE, sanitizing/safety supplies and for facilities and operations projects such as flooring replacement and HVAC control upgrades to improve air quality and reduce the risk of transmission and exposure. In collaboration with Caroline County Recreation and Parks, Caroline County Public Schools has been able to offer summer and after school programming that provides an innovative, engaging experience while addressing learning loss and the impact from the disruption to learning. Funds have also been used to purchase a new ELA curriculum, middle school math assessment platform, writing feedback tool for grades 6-12, social studies Tier I resources, science initiatives and theatre initiatives. Funding has also been used to add therapeutic support classrooms at two locations. Federal COVID relief funding is being used to pay for the following positions: 1 Summer/Afterschool Coordinator, 1 Nurse, 2 Reading Interventionists, 3 Technology Support Specialists and 1 Homeless Liaison. As of 9/30/23 we have spent all \$1,490,079 of our ESSER I funding, all \$6,096,016 of our ESSER II funding and \$6,439,945 or 47% of our ESSER III funding.

As of 10/31/23, we've spent \$2,084,954 or 30% of our \$7,029,267 FY 2024 allotment for Blueprint for Maryland's Future funding for Concentration of Poverty, Students with Disabilities, Supplemental Prekindergarten and Transitional Supplemental Instruction. A majority of the Blueprint for Maryland's future budgets consist of ten month instructional positions that begin in September. Therefore, because the expenses are to be reported as of 10/31, the expenses only represent about one-fifth of the total budget. As of 10/31/23, \$70,764 of our Concentration of Poverty allocation has been spent. FY 2024 Blueprint Concentration of Poverty funds are being used to fund 3 Community School Coordinator positions, 1 School Counselor position and 1 ML Family Coordinator position. Funds are also being used to expand and extend School Based Health Center program services. CCPS is also contracting with SEI schools to provide a Therapeutic Support Program which includes 1 teacher, 2 IA's and access to a social worker. As of 10/31/23, \$1,538,640 of our students with disabilities allocation has been spent. Students with Disabilities funding is being used to provide the services required by each student's individualized education program or 504 plans. These funds are being used to pay for the salary and benefit costs of Special Education teacher specialists, teachers, instructional assistants, speech pathologists as well as 3 intensive behavioral support classrooms. As of 10/31/23, \$433,925 of our Supplemental PreK allocation has been spent. Supplemental PreK funds are being used to support the salary and benefit costs of 1 teacher specialist position, 21 teaching positions, 20 IA positions and 15 PreK tutor positions. As of 10/31/23, \$41,626 of our Transitional Supplemental Instruction allocation has been spent. TSI funding is being used to pay for the salaries and fixed charges associated with 2 reading intervention teachers to support our students that have reading difficulties. Funding is also being used to continue the implementation of a Multi Tiered System of Supports to ensure students are receiving the appropriate supports and interventions necessary to remediate student deficits in reading and math.