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Guide for school districts

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From CARES to CRRSA to the latest American Rescue Plan Act, K-12 relief offers the chance to provide the support students need to get back on track.

The latest American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act allocates \$130 billion for states to disburse to K-12 and expands upon provisions in the CARES and CRRSA Act.

Districts have the flexibility to use these funds for anything from pandemic-related safety costs to addressing socioemotional needs to supporting teachers.

Notably, at least 20% of the ARP Act funds must be used to address learning loss. The funds will enable districts to set up large-scale evidence-based initiatives—like high-dosage tutoring or extending learning programs—shown to curb losses and accelerate learning.

Use this guide to learn about the federal and research guidance on leveraging funding and why many districts are using it to provide Paper's 24/7 tutoring support platform to students.

APPROVED USES OF FEDERAL FUNDS	THE PAPER SOLUTION
<p>1</p> <p>Addressing learning loss and accelerating learning, specifically:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. using evidence-based practices to meet needs b. assisting parents and families in supporting student learning c. monitoring engagement and progress to identify students who need more help 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ High-dosage tutoring is shown to fight learning loss and accelerate learning. Paper helps districts provide it at scale. ✓ Parents and families get reliable, on-demand learning support for students in any subject thanks to their district. ✓ Teachers can personalize assignments on Paper and stay in the loop on students' tutoring sessions and progress. ✓ Paper's analytics and reporting tools help monitor engagement and progress.
<p>2</p> <p>Planning and implementing activities related to summer learning and supplemental after-school programs.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Paper provides students with 24/7 and year-round support in any subject from trained tutors. Students can catch up, or get ahead—anytime, anywhere.
<p>3</p> <p>Addressing the unique needs of underserved students, including low-income students, English learners, and students with disabilities.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Paper provides multilingual tutoring at no cost to students, ensuring equal opportunities for success. ✓ All students get unlimited, 24/7 help at their own pace—in any K-12 subject area—in English, español, français, and 普通話.
<p>4</p> <p>Providing principals and other school leaders with the resources necessary to address individual schools' needs.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Principals and school leaders get help identifying and addressing where support is needed at the district, site, and individual level. ✓ Dedicated PD and support teams ensure you get the most out of Paper.
<p>5</p> <p>Purchasing ed tech that aids in regular and substantive educational interaction between students and their classroom instructors.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Teachers stay in the loop on students' tutoring sessions to help inform instruction. Tutors also flag specific sessions that need teachers' attention. ✓ Teachers can upload assignments on Paper and oversee students—or groups of students—work through them with tutors.

High-dosage tutoring for learning loss

Paper aligns with the evidence-based HDT model—shown to help districts address learning losses and accelerate learning.

Why HDT?

Growing research shows that HDT programs are K-12's best bet for addressing the COVID-slide, especially if they meet certain [criteria](#).

Districts can [ideally](#) maximize funds by seeking out programs that help deliver effective HDT at scale.

Paper meets evidence-based criteria for HDT while helping districts overcome its typical challenges—cost and [scale](#).



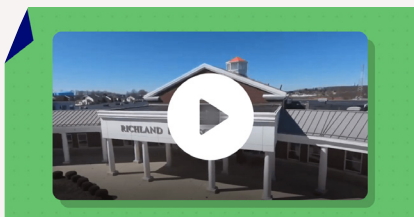
How can districts choose effective tutoring programs?

Research from [Annenberg Institute at Brown University](#), [J-PAL at MIT](#), and others outlines the transformative potential of tutoring on K-12 along with key principles for doing it right.

Learn the evidence-based criteria for effective HDT—and how Paper helps districts provide research-backed, cost-effective, personalized tutoring at scale.

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How districts like yours are leveraging funds



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How South San Francisco USD is transforming their approach to extra help

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Yakima School Board approves Paper for 24/7 access to tutors

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Sources and additional reading

Funds are distributed to states using the Title I formula under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESSA).

Billions in CARES Act Funding went [unused](#). To avoid funds being reallocated, districts should request CRRSA or ARP Act funding as soon as possible to assist teachers and students who have the greatest need.

- [Congress approves massive infusion of funds for schools](#)
- [ESSER II methodology table](#), [fact sheet](#), and [FAQs](#)
- [GEER II methodology table](#) and [fact sheet](#)
- [Are there CARES funds remaining in my state?](#)

We'd love to discuss how you can use federal funds to provide equitable, evidence-based support for learning recovery.

[Reach out](#)



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