

## Educational Funding Guidelines

The American Rescue Plan is anticipated to appropriate Connecticut \$1.105 billion statewide for education purposes. Of the total amount, 90% (\$995 million) will be distributed to Local Education Agencies (LEAs) – school districts.

Among the remaining funds, the State will have to allocate:

- 5% (\$55,296,000) to address learning loss,
- 1% (\$11,059,000) for investing in evidence-based summer enrichment program, and
- 1% (\$11,059,000) for “evidence-based comprehensive” afterschool programs.
- The State can use the remaining funds for administrative purposes.

The ARP allows LEA’s to spend their funding on numerous activities, including:

- Hiring and retaining teachers and other school personnel,
- Purchasing computers and hot spot devices for online learning;
- Supporting the unique needs of underserved students, and foster and homeless youth;
- Training and professional development;
- Purchasing supplies for cleaning and sanitization;
- Carrying out IDEA requirements, including providing assistive technology or adaptive equipment to support students with disabilities;
- Summer learning; and
- Other activities to maintain the continuity of educational services, addressing learning loss, and school facility repairs etc.

The State will also be required to reserve funds at the state level for several purposes including (a) addressing learning loss, (b); and (c) for “evidence-based comprehensive” afterschool programs.