

Private Nonprofit Schools

Equitable Services under the CARES Act: Elementary and Secondary School
Emergency Relief (ESSER) Fund

July 14, 2020



Fort Worth
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Attendance and Housekeeping

- Please sign in with your name and school affiliation:
 - www.slido.com
 - event code: #10807
- Type questions into the Zoom chat.
- Questions will be addressed at the end of the webinar, and an FAQ document will be created.
- This webinar is being recorded.

Welcome Private Nonprofit Schools



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Agenda

- Welcome and Introduction
- Goal and Expectations
- Equitable Services and Allowable Activities
- Provision of Services and Procedures
- Action Items and Next Steps
- Official Dates
- Sources

We are not all in the same boat. We are all in the same storm.



- Our goal is to help you, your staff, your students, and their families weather the storm.
- Please do not hesitate to reach out.

What private nonprofit schools can expect from FWISD

- We are making a good faith attempt to reach all private nonprofit schools in Fort Worth.
- We will engage in meaningful, timely consultation with private nonprofit schools that wish to participate.
- We will provide the Affirmation and Assurances forms for your signature, and we will submit them to TEA.
- We look forward to working with you.

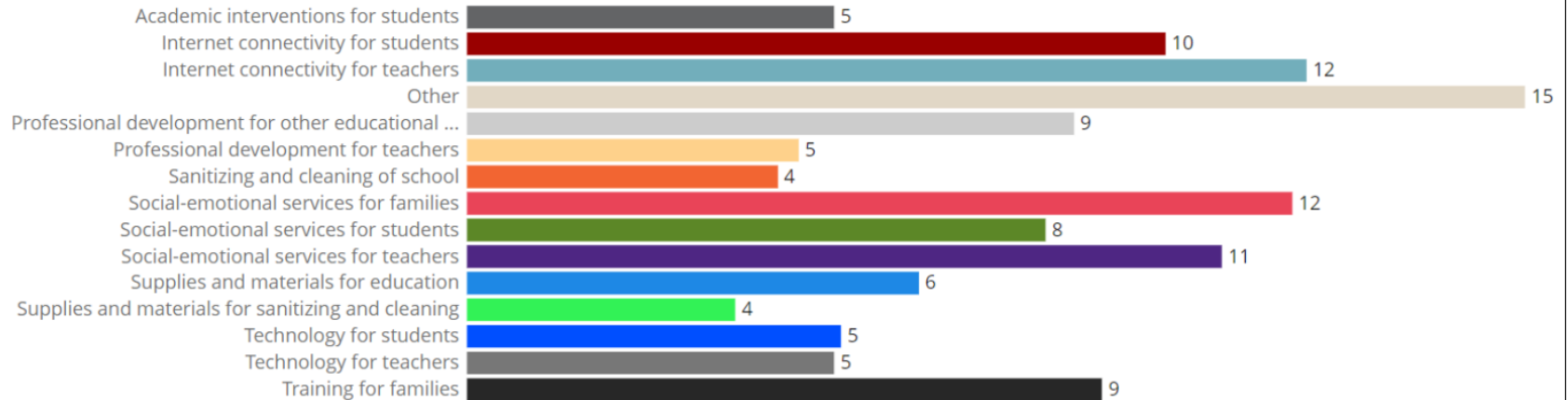
ESSER Equitable Services

- Are available to any students and teachers in any private nonprofit schools within the FWISD boundaries.
- Must be secular, neutral, and nonideological.
- Must be obligated in 2020-2021 and delivered in a timely manner, equitable in comparison to services and benefits provided to the public-school students and teachers.
- Will be monitored and enforced by the TEA PNP Ombudsman.

Private Nonprofit Needs Pursuant to COVID-19

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ESSER Allowable Activities

- Any activity authorized by ESEA, IDEA, Adult Education and Family Literacy Act, Perkins Career and Technical Education Act, and McKinney-Vento.
- Coordination with agencies to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the coronavirus.
- Resources for principals and school leaders to address student needs.
- Activities to address unique student needs.

ESSER Allowable Activities

- Development of procedures to improve preparedness and response efforts.
- Training and professional development for staff.
- Contracted sanitization and cleaning, as well as the purchase of sanitizing and cleaning supplies.
- Coordination and planning during long-term closures: student meals and technology, software, and hot spots for online education.

ESSER Allowable Activities

- Mental health services and supports.
- Summer and afterschool programs.
- Activities to ensure the continuation of education services to students.

Provision of Services

- FWISD will control the funding and retain ownership and title to equipment and materials.
 - FWISD cannot reimburse private nonprofit schools.
- FWISD will provide services directly or through contract with another public or private entity.
- Purchases will be reasonable and necessary and meet EDGAR requirements.

Procedures

- Contracts will follow FWISD procedures as stated in the FWISD Grants Manual.
 - Contracts for sanitizing and cleaning are allowable, if identified as a need during consultation.
- Requisitions will follow FWISD procedures as stated in the FWISD Purchasing Manual.
 - Per EDGAR requirements, FWISD needs three comparable quotes for purchases of supplies, materials, and equipment.

Action Items

- July 15-22: CARES Act Consultations
 - FWISD is required to consult with each private nonprofit school before applying for the ESSER grant.
 - Procurement procedures and preliminary amounts will be discussed during the consultations.
 - We will email you the link to sign up for a consultation.
- August 24: ESSER application deadline
 - FWISD's goal for submission is July 31.

Next Steps

- Sign up for a consultation time and share your needs during the consultation.
- Sign and return the Affirmation and Assurances.
- Provide:
 - documentation of nonprofit status.
 - documentation that the school is accredited, licensed, or otherwise operates in accordance with State law.
 - total enrollment (ages 5-17) from October 2019.

Official Dates

- Applications accepted June 12 through August 24, 2020.
 - FWISD will submit the ESSER application to TEA after consultations have been conducted.
- Grant period: March 13, 2020 (pre-award) through September 30, 2021.
- Carryover ends September 30, 2022.

Sources

- <https://tea.texas.gov/sites/default/files/covid/COVID-19-CARES-Act-Equitable-Services-FAQ.pdf>
- “We are not all in the same boat . . .” Damian Barr via Twitter, as quoted in the article below.
- Boats in a storm image: “What Comes After the Coronavirus Storm?” by Peggy Noonan, April 23, 2020, Wall Street Journal, <https://www.wsj.com/articles/what-comes-after-the-coronavirus-storm-11587684752>, retrieved July 1, 2020.
- Private Nonprofit Needs Graphic is based on survey data collected by FWISD from private schools located within the FWISD geographic area.



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