

Section: Narratives - Assessing Impacts and Needs

CTC ARP ESSER APPLICATION

The Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) recognizes the extraordinary efforts made by career and technical centers (CTC), and educators to support students during the COVID-19 pandemic. The application below requests information from CTC about: (1) Needs and impacts resulting from the pandemic, (2) Stakeholder engagement in the development of local plans to respond to these needs and impacts, (3) Specific elements in the CTC Plan for the Use of ARP ESSER Funds; and (4) Plans for monitoring and measuring progress. As submitted and accepted by PDE in final form, this application shall become part of the Grant Agreement for ARP ESSER funds as Appendix B. As used in this application, "the CTC" refers to the Grantee defined in the Grant Agreement.

ARP ESSER includes a significant focus on vulnerable student populations. Given these requirements, as well as PDE's own equity commitments, the CTC application includes specific fields requesting information on programs to serve student groups that have experienced disproportionate impacts from the pandemic. Student groups are inclusive of the following:

- Students from low-income families;
- Students from each racial or ethnic group (e.g., identifying disparities and focusing on underserved student groups by race or ethnicity);
- Gender (e.g., identifying disparities and focusing on underserved student groups by gender);
- English learners;
- Children with disabilities (including infants, toddlers, children, and youth with disabilities eligible under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act [IDEA]);
- Students experiencing homelessness;
- Children and youth in foster care;
- Nontraditional
- Single Parent
- Military Family
- Migrant students; and
- Other groups disproportionately impacted by the pandemic that have been identified by the LEA (e.g., youth involved in the criminal justice system, students who have missed the most in-person instruction during the 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 school years, students who did not consistently participate in remote instruction when offered during school building closures, and LGBTQ+ students).

Section I: Assessing Impacts and Needs

In this first section, CTCs are asked to describe the impact of the pandemic on their students, examine disproportionate impacts on specific student groups, and highlight the CTC's promising practices in supporting student needs since March 2020.

Indicators of Impact

1. Understanding the Impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic: Describe how the CTC has identified or will identify the extent of the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on student learning and well-being. Specifically, what methods (i.e., collecting and analyzing data and information from focus groups, surveys, and local assessment results) were used or will be used to identify and measure impacts in four key areas: (1) Academic/Technical impact of lost instructional time, (2) Chronic absenteeism, (3) Student engagement, and (4) Social-emotional well-being?

	Methods Used to Understand Each Type of Impact
Academic/Technical Impact of Lost Instructional Time	Collecting and analyzing data and information from focus groups, surveys, and local assessment results such as grade analysis, industry certification totals, Keystone scores, NOCTI scores, and other standardized tests.
Chronic Absenteeism	Collecting and analyzing data and information from focus groups, surveys, and local assessment results from attendance records and Pupil Services input/feedback.
Student Engagement	Collecting and analyzing data and information from focus groups, surveys, and local assessment results from attendance records, Staff input/feedback, Pupil Services input/feedback, and anecdotal student feedback.
Social-emotional Well-being	Collecting and analyzing data and information from focus groups, surveys, and local assessment results from discipline data, attendance records, Staff input/feedback, Pupil Services input/feedback, and anecdotal student feedback.
Other Indicators	collecting and analyzing data and information from focus groups, surveys, and local assessment results from attendance records and Staff input/feedback, Pupil Services input/feedback.

Documenting Disproportionate Impacts

2. Identify the **student** groups in the CTC that faced particularly significant impacts from the pandemic. For each, provide specific strategies that were used or will be used to identify and measure impacts.

Student Group	Provide specific strategies that were used or will be used to identify and measure impacts
Other groups disproportionately impacted by the pandemic that have been identified by the LEA (See Help Text for examples)	Students that had to attend the CTC in a virtual setting once a week during the entire school year. The learning loss will be impacted by the NOCTI testing scores. To make up for the hands-on learning, teachers are focusing on skills that the students would have missed during this online learning time. In the upcoming years, learning loss should be caught up and will have

Student Group	Provide specific strategies that were used or will be used to identify and measure impacts
	an impact on our current 10th and 11th graders.

Reflecting on Local Strategies

3. Provide the CTC's assessment of the top strategy that has been most effective in supporting the needs of students, in particular specific student groups most impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Strategies two and three below are optional.

	Strategy Description
Strategy #1	With the loss of student time in hands-on learning, we have focused on making it a priority to have more time in the shop area for the students. We have also looked at the curriculum and how we had to adjust how we were instructing the students.

i. **Impacts that Strategy #1 best addresses:** (select all that apply)

- ☒ Impact of lost instructional time
- ☐ Chronic absenteeism
- ☐ Student engagement
- ☐ Social-emotional well-being
- ☐ Other impact

ii. **If Other is selected above, please provide the description here:**

All students did virtual learning during the 2020-2021 school year all year. Learning loss was experienced by all students.

iii. **Student group(s) that Strategy #1 most effectively supports:** (select all that apply)

- ☒ Students from low-income families
- ☒ Students from each racial or ethnic group (e.g., identifying disparities and focusing on underserved student groups by race or ethnicity)
- ☒ Gender (e.g., identifying disparities and focusing on underserved student groups by gender)

- ☒ English learners
- ☒ Children with disabilities (including infants, toddlers, children, and youth with disabilities eligible under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA))
- ☒ Students experiencing homelessness
- ☒ Children and youth in foster care
- ☒ Migrant students
- ☒ Other student groups: (provide description below)

iv. If Other is selected above, please provide the description here.

Reflecting on Local Strategies: Strategy #2 - Please note: this strategy is optional.

	Strategy Description
Strategy #2	

i. Impacts that Strategy #2 best addresses: (select all that apply)

- ☐ Impact of lost instructional time
- ☐ Chronic absenteeism
- ☐ Student engagement
- ☐ Social-emotional well-being
- ☐ Other impact

ii. If Other is selected above, please provide the description here:

iii. Student group(s) that Strategy #2 most effectively supports: (select all that apply)

- ☐ Students from low-income families
- ☐ Students from each racial or ethnic group (e.g., identifying disparities and focusing on underserved student groups by race or ethnicity)
- ☐ Gender (e.g., identifying disparities and focusing on underserved student groups by gender)
- ☐ English learners

- ☐ Children with disabilities (including infants, toddlers, children, and youth with disabilities eligible under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA))
- ☐ Students experiencing homelessness
- ☐ Children and youth in foster care
- ☐ Migrant students
- ☐ Other student groups: (provide description below)

iv. If Other is selected above, please provide the description here.

Reflecting on Local Strategies: Strategy #3 - Please note: this strategy is optional.

	Strategy Description
Strategy #3	

i. Impacts that Strategy #3 best addresses: (select all that apply)

- ☐ Impact of Lost Instructional Time
- ☐ Chronic absenteeism
- ☐ Student engagement
- ☐ Social-emotional well-being
- ☐ Other impact

ii. If Other is selected above, please provide the description here:

iii. Student group(s) that Strategy #3 most effectively supports: (select all that apply)

- ☐ Students from low-income families
- ☐ Students from each racial or ethnic group (e.g., identifying disparities and focusing on underserved student groups by race or ethnicity)
- ☐ Gender (e.g., identifying disparities and focusing on underserved student groups by gender)
- ☐ English learners

- ☐ **Children with disabilities (including infants, toddlers, children, and youth with disabilities eligible under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA))**
- ☐ **Students experiencing homelessness**
- ☐ **Children and youth in foster care**
- ☐ **Migrant students**
- ☐ **Other student groups: (provide description below)**

iv. If **Other** is selected above, please provide the description here:

Section: Narratives - Engaging Stakeholders in Plan Development

Section II: Engaging Stakeholders in Plan Development

In this second section, CTCs are asked to provide information on how stakeholders will be engaged in planning for the use of ARP ESSER funds, how stakeholder input will be utilized, and how the CTC will make its CTC Plan for the Use of ARP ESSER Funds transparent to the public—all critical components in developing, implementing, and adjusting plans based on the differential impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.

4. Stakeholder Engagement

Describe how the CTC, in planning for the use of ARP ESSER funds, has engaged or will engage in meaningful consultation with stakeholders. **(3,000 characters max)**

(Stakeholders include any relevant group to the CTC, such as students; families; CTC and sending district administrators (including special education administrators); teachers; principals; school leaders; other educators; school staff; and unions. In addition, to the extent that the following groups are present in or served by the CTC, stakeholders also include community partners, civil rights organizations (including disability rights organizations); stakeholders representing the interests of children with disabilities, English learners, children experiencing homelessness, children and youth in foster care, migrant students, children who are incarcerated, and other underserved students; and tribes.)

We have a scheduled meeting with the stakeholder for mid-March. We have also discussed this with the partner school's superintendents and JOC on several occasions. We will also have a follow-up meeting with our stakeholder group after the projects are completed.

5. Use of Stakeholder Input

Describe how the CTC has taken or will take stakeholder and public input into account in the development of the CTC Plan for the Use of ARP ESSER Funds. **(3,000 characters max)**

We have engaged our Perkins Stakeholder group with what our plan is to help with keeping the school open during a pandemic. We have engaged this stakeholder group several times and they understand the needs of our physical school building as well as the students. The stakeholder group supports the upgrade to the facility so students and staff can maintain a safe learning and working environment.

6. Public Access to LEA Plan for the Use of ARP ESSER Funds

Describe the process for development, approval, and making public the CTC Plan for the Use of ARP ESSER Funds. The CTC Plan for the Use of ARP ESSER Funds must be made publicly available on the CTC website and submitted to PDE within 90 days of LEA receipt of ARP ESSER funding, must be written in a language that parents/caregivers can understand, and must be provided in alternate format upon request by a parent/caregiver who is an individual with a disability. **(3,000 characters max)**

We would make a public posting on our system about our safety and security systems have been updated, to make the students, parents, and public aware of the projects and how they will impact the overall operation of the building. We will also email all the parents and students with this information. WMCTC will make the CTC Plan for ARP ESSER funds available on the school website and submitted to PDE within 90 days of LEA receipt of ARP ESSER funding. The plan will be written in a language that parents/caregivers can understand, and will be provided in an alternate format upon request by a parent/caregiver who is an individual with a disability.

Section: Narratives - Plan for ARP ESSER Funds

Section III: Using ARP ESSER Funds to Plan for Safe, In-Person Instruction

In this third section, CTCs are asked to reflect on both the impacts and needs described in Section I and stakeholder engagement described in Section II to provide a description of the CTC plan for the use of ARP ESSER funds.

7. Plan for Funds

How will the CTC spend its ARP ESSER funds as outlined in the fields below ? **(3,000 characters max)**

1. Continuity of Services: How will the CTC use ARP ESSER funds to sustain services to address students' academic needs; students' and staff social, emotional, and mental health needs; and student nutrition and food services?
2. Access to Instruction: How will the CTC use ARP ESSER funds to support the goals of increasing opportunity to learn and equity in instructional delivery? Consider regular attendance/chronic absenteeism data from the 2020-21 school year, including data disaggregated by student groups, in developing the response.
3. Mitigation Strategies: How will the CTC use ARP ESSER funds to support prevention and mitigation policies in line with the most up-to-date guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) for the reopening and operation of school facilities and transportation services to effectively maintain the health and safety of students, educators, and other staff? Consider the LEA's Health and Safety Plan in developing the response.
4. Facilities Improvements: How will the CTC use ARP ESSER funds to repair and improve school facilities to reduce risk of virus transmission, address environmental health hazards, and/or improve ventilation? Consider the LEA's Health and Safety Plan in developing the response.
5. Other, i.e summer school, extended day, and staffing

Plan for Funds	Explanation
Facilities Improvements	To improve the health and safety of our students and staff, Western Montgomery Career and Technology Center endeavors to make significant upgrades communication system to be able to communicate with the students and staff. The current system PA system is not working in all areas of the building and message can't be delivered to students about the response to Covid 19. The new system installed will be able to send prerecorded messages to students daily to remind them to wash their hands, wear their mask, and to stay six feet apart.
	To improve the health and safety of our students and staff, Western Montgomery Career and Technology Center endeavors to make

Plan for Funds	Explanation
Facilities Improvements	significant upgrades to the safety and security of our students. We have an antiquated video surveillance video system and would like to update this system with a system that would provide analytics to help contract trace as well as temperature-taking capabilities to help prevent the spread of COVID 19.
Facilities Improvements	To improve the health and safety of our students and staff, Western Montgomery Career and Technology Center endeavors to make significant upgrades to the safety and security of our students. We have several large garage doors that can be opened to allow fresh air circulation to come into the classroom and shop area. These doors are not equipped with safety gates so they can not be opened safely and remain open during the school day. With the installation of safety gates, the doors can be fully opened and fresh air circulation can pass through the shop area. This will not only help with mitigating the spread of COVID 19 but will also add a safety barrier for the students and staff to keep the building secured. Also, by installing a security gate system for our outside fence area, the garage doors on one side of the building can stay open. With the installation of garage doors and gates in the welding shop area, two-man doors will need to be installed for egress to the outside of the building.

Section: Narratives - Monitoring and Measuring Progress

Section IV: Monitoring and Measuring Progress

In this fourth section, CTCs are asked to describe efforts to build local capacity to ensure high-quality data collection and reporting to safeguard funds for their intended purposes.

8. Capacity for Data Collection and Reporting

CTCs must continuously monitor progress and adjust strategies as needed. Describe the CTC's capacity and strategy to collect and analyze data (disaggregated by student group, where applicable), for each of the following measures:

	Data Collection and Analysis Plan (including plan to disaggregate data)
Student learning, including academic impact of lost instructional time during the COVID-19 pandemic	We will use NOCTI Pre and Post-test to determine learning loss and the impact of COVID-19 on our students.
Opportunity to learn measures (see help text)	We will look at historic attendance data. We will also be looking at the completion of online assignments during this time as well as grades.
Jobs created and retained (by number of FTEs and position type) (see help text)	The ARP ESSER CTC grant will not fund any new or retained jobs/positions.
Participation in programs funded by ARP ESSER resources (e.g., summer and afterschool programs)	The ARP ESSER CTC grant will not fund any before school, after school or summer programs.
Impact of Student Social and Emotional Needs	We will work into the Health and PE curriculum on Social-emotional learning topics as well as mental health for our students.

Section: Narratives - ARP ESSER Prior Approval

ARP ESSER PRIOR APPROVAL

CTC's that wish to expend ESSER funds on facilities initiatives may be permitted to:

- make facility upgrades to comply with American Disabilities Act requirements
- upgrade HVAC systems
- remediate mold, lead, and other sources of poor indoor air quality
- install mechanical ventilation and/or advanced filtration systems
- replace windows to allow for improved intake of fresh air
- replace plumbing to ensure safe drinking water—among other upgrades that improve the health and safety of school buildings.

All **capital expenditures** supported with federal funds must be pre-approved by PDE. Capital expenditures means expenditures to acquire capital assets (i.e., land, facilities, or equipment over \$5,000 per unit) or expenditures to make additions, improvements, modifications, replacements, rearrangements, reinstallations, renovations, or alterations to capital assets that materially increase their value or useful life.

Construction means (A) the preparation of drawings and specifications for school facilities; (B) erecting, building, acquiring, altering, remodeling, repairing, or extending school facilities; (C) inspecting and supervising the construction of school facilities; and (D) debt service for such activities (ESEA section 7013(3), 20 U.S.C. § 7713(3)).

Directions: School Entities seeking prior approval for Construction/Renovation or Other Capital Expenditures must:

Complete the form for each contractor/project that will be supported with ARP ESSER funds. If using multiple vendors for one project, i.e., classroom expansion, enter total cost per vendor to equal the total budgeted cost of the "classroom expansion" project. Completed forms must be uploaded to this section. Prior to uploading forms, they must be signed off by your School Entity's Superintendent/CEO/Executive Director.

Will you be using a portion of your ARP ESSER funds for Construction and/or Other Capital Expenditures? If no please select 'No' and mark section complete.

Yes

In the table below, please provide the name and type (construction vs. other capital expenditure) of the proposed project and a brief description. Please enter each contractor/project on a separate line in the table.

Name of Proposed Project	Type of Project	Brief Description of Proposed Project
		To improve the health and safety of our students and staff, Western Montgomery Career and Technology Center endeavors to make significant upgrades to the safety and security of our students. We

Name of Proposed Project	Type of Project	Brief Description of Proposed Project
Safety Gates	Construction	<p>have several large garage doors that can be opened to allow fresh air circulation to come into the classroom and shop area. These doors are not equipped with safety gates so they can not be opened safely and remain open during the school day. With the installation of safety gates, the doors can be fully opened and fresh air circulation can pass through the shop area. This will not only help with mitigating the spread of COVID 19 but will also add a safety barrier for the students and staff to keep the building secured. Also, by installing a security gate system for our outside fence area, the garage doors on one side of the building can stay open. With the installation of garage doors and gates in the welding shop area, two-man doors will need to be installed for egress to the outside of the building.</p>
Communication System	Construction	<p>To improve the health and safety of our students and staff, Western Montgomery Career and Technology Center endeavors to make significant upgrades to the safety and security of our students. We have an antiquated video surveillance video system and would like to update this system with a system that would provide analytics to help contract trace as well as temperature-taking capabilities to help prevent the spread of COVID 19.</p>

Name of Proposed Project	Type of Project	Brief Description of Proposed Project
Security Cameras	Construction	To improve the health and safety of our students and staff, Western Montgomery Career and Technology Center endeavors to make significant upgrades communication system to be able to communicate with the students and staff. The current system PA system is not working in all areas of the building and messages can't be delivered to students about the response to Covid 19. The new system installed will be able to send prerecorded messages to students daily to remind them to wash their hands, wear their masks, and stay six feet apart.



CHECK HERE - to assure that you have successfully uploaded your Prior Approval Form(s) if applicable.

Section: Narratives - Health and Safety Plan Upload and URL

CTCs HEALTH AND SAFETY PLAN AND URL

Please upload your CTC's Health and Safety Plan below, and check the assurance indicating that you have completed your upload. Please name the file using your CTC name followed by Health and Safety Plan. example: "**CTC Name-Health and Safety Plan**"

CTCs are required to add the URL where the approved plan will be posted to the CTC's public website. Please add the URL below.

<https://www.westerncenter.org/cms/lib/PA03001826/Centricity/ModuleInstance/566/WMCTC%203-7-22%20Health%20and%20Safety%20Plan.pdf>



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Section: Budget - Instruction Expenditures

BUDGET OVERVIEW

Budget

\$379,189.00

Allocation

\$379,189.00

Budget Over(Under) Allocation

\$0.00

INSTRUCTION EXPENDITURES

Function	Object	Amount	Description
		\$	
		\$0.00	

Section: Budget - Support and Non-Instruction Expenditures

BUDGET OVERVIEW

Budget

\$379,189.00

Allocation

\$379,189.00

Budget Over(Under) Allocation

\$0.00

SUPPORT AND NON-INSTRUCTION EXPENDITURES

Function	Object	Amount	Description
4000 - FACILITIES ACQUISITION, CONSTRUCTION AND IMPROVEMENT SERVICES	700 - Property	\$130,000.00	Communication system for the building replacement
4000 - FACILITIES ACQUISITION, CONSTRUCTION AND IMPROVEMENT SERVICES	700 - Property	\$160,935.00	Security Camera System Replacement
4000 - FACILITIES ACQUISITION, CONSTRUCTION AND IMPROVEMENT SERVICES	700 - Property	\$88,254.00	Safety Gates for Shop Garage doors
		\$379,189.00	

Section: Budget - Budget Summary

BUDGET SUMMARY

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

	100 Salaries	200 Benefits	300 Purchased Professional and Technical Services	400 Purchased Property Services	500 Other Purchased Services	600 Supplies 800 Dues and Fees	700 Property	Totals
2300 SUPPORT SERVICES – ADMINISTRATION	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
2400 Health Support Services	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
2500 Business Support Services	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
2600 Operation and Maintenance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
2700 Student Transportation	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
2800 Central Support Services	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
3000 OPERATION OF NON-INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
3100 Food Services	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
3200 Student Activities	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
3300 Community Services	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
4000 FACILITIES ACQUISITION, CONSTRUCTION AND IMPROVEMENT SERVICES	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$379,189.00	\$379,189.00
	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$379,189.00	\$379,189.00
Approved Indirect Cost/Operational Rate:								\$0.00

	100 Salaries	200 Benefits	300 Purchased Professional and Technical Services	400 Purchased Property Services	500 Other Purchased Services	600 Supplies 800 Dues and Fees	700 Property	Totals
				Final				\$379,189.00