



The American Rescue Plan Act: Education

Public K-12 Education: The American Rescue Plan includes over \$125 billion for public K-12 schools to safely reopen for in-person learning, address learning loss, and support students as they work to recover from the long-term impacts of the pandemic. An estimated \$3.8 billion of this funding will support public schools in Michigan.

- The state will allocate at least 90 percent of the funding to school districts within 60 days of receiving the funding.
- Districts will use at least 20 percent of this funding to address learning loss through the implementation of evidence-based interventions, such as summer learning, extended day, or afterschool programs.

Of the national funding total, \$800 million will be dedicated to providing wrap-around services and assistance to enable homeless youth to attend school.

You can learn of additional COVID-19 Education Information and Resources through the Michigan Department of Education at Michigan.gov/MDE or (833)-633-5788, and by contacting your local school district.

Students with Disabilities: The American Rescue Plan will provide \$3 billion in funding for programs to support students with disabilities as authorized under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). IDEA provides grants to assist states with providing a quality public education to children with disabilities.

You can learn of special education resources through the Michigan Department of Education at Michigan.gov/MDE or 888-320-8384, and by contacting your local school district.

Higher Education: The American Rescue Plan will provide \$39.6 billion to colleges and universities and their students. An estimated \$1 billion of this funding will support institutions of higher education in Michigan, including community colleges.

At least half of this funding must be spent on emergency financial aid grants to students to help them with college costs and basic needs like food, housing, and health care. Colleges and universities can use the other half of the funding to defray lost revenue and increased costs due to the pandemic, such as declining enrollment, classroom retrofits, and purchasing COVID-19 testing, vaccination, and personal protective equipment (PPE).



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You can contact your college or university to learn more about emergency financial aid grants and other information related to the pandemic.

Head Start: The American Rescue Plan will provide \$1 billion for Head Start, to ensure Head Start programs have the resources they need to continue safely providing services to children and families throughout the pandemic. These funds will be distributed on the basis of enrollment. Michigan is expected to receive over \$34 million in additional funding for Head Start. For more information on the Head Start program or to see if your family qualifies, you can visit this [Michigan Head Start](#) page or call (866)-763-6481.