

Portales Municipal School District American Rescue Plan (ARP)

The American Rescue Plan (ARP) funds are required to be used by September, 2024.

The District is required to spend a minimum of 20% of these funds to address lost instructional time due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This can be accomplished through summer school, after-school programs, evidence based interventions, and/or tutoring, additional personnel in classrooms, smaller class sizes, etc. The remaining funds will be used to plan and prepare for any future school closures, assisting students and families with internet connectivity, improving indoor air quality in schools, cleaning, supporting the social-emotional needs of students and staff, and recovering costs and expenses created by the COVID-19 pandemic.

The New Mexico Public Education Department has established the following priorities: 1) Accelerated instruction, 2) Closing the digital divide, 3) Supporting social and emotional needs, 4) Supporting the unique needs of students with disabilities and at-risk students, 5) Providing personal protective equipment, 6) Improving indoor air quality.

Portales Municipal Schools is seeking input from stakeholders across the community and school district as a plan is developed. Your feedback is valuable and important to help with the development of the plan.

In order to develop the plan, your participation will be greatly appreciated and helpful. There will be a meeting to discuss suggestions for the plan and to provide the district's vision moving forward with these funds over the next year. Input will also be received for the use of all federal funds. This meeting will be held at the Central Office Board Room at 501 S. Abilene Ave on June 26th at 4:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend.