

CRRSAA Relief Bill Summary For High Schools (JED)

The COVID-19 pandemic has had a profound impact on educational institutions and the students they serve. Through the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSAA) signed into law on Dec. 27, 2020, schools can access funding that can be used to cover the costs of JED High School programming on their campus. Below is a brief overview of this funding source.

For more information about these funding sources, please reference the links in the table below. For more information about JED's High School Program, please contact Jessica Orenstein at jessica@jedfoundation.org.

The Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSAA) provides approximately \$82 billion in education funding to provide relief to states, K-12 schools, and institutions of higher education. This is in addition to the \$30.75 billion originally allocated for education relief purposes through the passage of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act in March 2020. The CRRSAA funds are broken down as follows:

- **\$54.3 billion** for the Elementary and Secondary Emergency Education Relief (ESSER) Fund (K-12 Public Schools)
- **\$22.7 billion** for the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund
- **\$4.05 billion** for the Governor's Emergency Education Relief Fund (\$2.75 billion set aside for private K-12 schools)
- **\$818.8 million** for Outlying areas, the Bureau of Indian Education, and Tribal Colleges and Universities
- **\$70 million** for National Technical Institute for the Deaf, Howard University, Gallaudet University, Institute of Education Sciences, Student Aid Administration, Program Administration, and the Office of the Inspector General

Funding being appropriated to states through CRRSAA can be used by local educational agencies (public & non-public) to pay for JED services, specifically the JED High School program.

JED High School is a public health, systematic approach districts/schools can use to assess and strengthen their policies, programs, and systems that support emotional well-being and suicide prevention for students. JED High School is an adaptation of JED Campus, a national, higher education initiative implemented in over 350 colleges and universities.

JED High School is an 18-24 month program that partners with districts/schools to assess and enhance their efforts in the following seven domains: developing life skills, promoting social connectedness and positive school climate, encouraging help-seeking behaviors, improving recognition and response to signs of distress and risk, ensuring student access to effective mental health services, establishing and following crisis management procedures, and promoting means

safety. Our work aligns well with multi-tiered systems of support and is designed to be tailored to the relevant community context. The JED High School Program will place an emphasis on addressing the unique challenges districts/schools have faced during the COVID-19 pandemic, and ensure they are systematically well-equipped to meet the emotional and mental health needs of its students.

The following tables outline key questions to consider for your school/district in considering relief bill funding eligibility and accessibility as it relates to supporting costs connected to JED High School. The cost of JED High School is \$25,000 and scholarship funding is available for schools/districts as needed.

K-12 Public Schools

<i>Funding Source</i>	<i>Funding Allocation & Accessibility</i>	<i>Funding Timeline</i>	<i>Can these funds be used for mental health services, including JED High School?</i>
<p>The Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund (ESSER): \$54.3 billion in new funding</p> <p>FACT SHEET</p>	<p>Funds are distributed based on states' allocations under Title I, Part A of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act and allocated to school districts based on their Title I, Part A allocation.</p> <p>State educational agencies should be distributing these funds imminently, with some states having already announced fund availability as of late January 2021.</p>	<p>The CRRSAA funding allocation must be spent by local educational agencies by September 2023, and can be used for expenses dating back to March 13, 2020. This is an extension of one calendar year from the CARES Act funds, which must be spent by September 2022.</p>	<p>Yes, included in the allowable uses for the money each district receives is "providing mental health services and supports."</p>
<p>Governor's Emergency Education Relief Fund (GEER II): 4.05 billion in new funding with \$2.75 reserved for non-public schools</p> <p>FACT SHEET</p>	<p>Funds are awarded to school districts through a contract or subgrant, based on the discretion of the Governor.</p> <p>Governors have until January 2022 to award funds.</p>	<p>Each state will administer its own application process.</p> <p>Please consult your Governor's Office webpage for more information.</p>	<p>Yes, included in the allowable uses for these funds to governors is to "provide social and emotional support", and to "support ongoing functionality" of educational services.</p>

K-12 Non-Public Schools

<i>What funds have been allocated to K-12 non-public school education?</i>	<i>How do I access these funds?</i>	<i>On what timeline can these funds be used?</i>	<i>Can these funds be used for mental health services, including JED High School?</i>
<p>Governor’s Emergency Education Relief Fund (GEER II): 4.05 billion in new funding with \$2.75 reserved for non-public K-12 schools</p> <p>FACT SHEET</p>	<p>Funds are awarded to school districts through a contract or subgrant, based on the discretion of the Governor.</p> <p>Governors have until January 2022 to award funds.</p>	<p>Each state will administer its own application process.</p> <p>Please consult your Governor’s Office webpage for more information.</p>	<p>Yes, included in the allowable uses for these funds for non-public schools is “initiating and maintaining education and support services or assistance for remote learning, hybrid learning, or to address learning loss.”</p>

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