



State of Alabama
Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act
Governor's Emergency Education Relief (GEER) Fund
Local Educational Agency (LEA) Application

In order to receive a CARES Act GEER Fund allocation, an LEA must submit this application to the SEA.

GENERAL INFORMATION

1. LEA Information	
LEA Name	Fairfield City Schools
Mailing Address	6405 Avenue D
Physical Address	6405 Avenue D
City/Town and Zip Code	Fairfield 35020
Superintendent's Name	Dr. Regina D Thompson
Contact Person	Dr. Regina D Thompson
Contact Person Position	Superintendent
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PROGRAMMATIC, FISCAL, AND REPORTING ASSURANCES

The United States Department of Education (USED) has approved the application from the State of Alabama for GEER funds under the CARES Act. The Governor of Alabama allocated \$48,851,495 to the Alabama State Department of Education. GEER funds can be obligated through 9/30/2022. Pre-award costs to the GEER fund will be allowed for allowable cost incurred on or after March 13, 2020.

2. Allowable Service(s) Section

The LEA Superintendent or his/her authorized representative assures or certifies that they will use the awarded GEER funds in the following ways (select one option per letter):

A. Private School Equitable Services Allocation

NOTE: Use the Private School Equitable Services Implementation Form for this section.

The LEA has no private schools in their attendance area
 The LEA has private schools but ALL declined to participate in CARES Act GEER funding
 The LEA has private schools that will participate in CARES Act GEER funding

Complete the section below only if you have private schools that will be participating in GEER funds:

Total LEA GEER Allocation	\$127,166.00
Total LEA Private School Allocation	\$7,293.04
Total LEA Private School Administrative Costs Set-Aside	\$0.00
Total # of Private Schools Participating	2.00
Total Student Enrollment at the LEA	1,167.00
Total Student Enrollment at ALL Participating Private Schools	71.00

B. Equip school buses with WI-FI capabilities to increase internet connectivity and help bridge the digital divide within the LEA.

LEA Allocation for Section B: \$26,372.06

- The LEA will use the allocation above for equipping school buses with WI-FI capabilities.
 The LEA will not use this allocation for equipping school buses with WI-FI capabilities.

Complete the section below only if your LEA chooses not to use this allocation:

Reason/Rationale: _____

We will transfer this allocation to:

- Academic Support to Bridge Learning and Achievement Gaps of Students (C)

Amount to be transferred: _____

- Before and After School Tutoring for Learning and Remediation in Schools (D)

Amount to be transferred: _____

C. Provide additional academic support to bridge learning and achievement gaps of students within the LEA.

LEA Allocation for Section C: \$69,526.32

- The LEA will use the allocation above for providing additional academic support to students.
 The LEA will not use this allocation for providing additional academic support to students.

Complete the section below only if your LEA chooses not to use this allocation:

Reason/Rationale: _____

We will transfer this allocation to:

- Equipping School Buses with WI-FI Capabilities (B)

Amount to be transferred: _____

- Before and After School Tutoring for Learning and Remediation in Schools (D)

Amount to be transferred: _____

D. Provide before and after school tutoring as defined in the Alabama Literacy Act for learning and remediation in schools within the LEA.

LEA Allocation for Section D: \$23,974.69

- The LEA will use the allocation above for providing tutoring to students.
 The LEA will not use this allocation for providing tutoring to students.

Complete the section below only if your LEA chooses not to use this allocation:

Reason/Rationale: _____

We will transfer this allocation to:

- Equipping School Buses with WI-FI Capabilities (B)

Amount to be transferred: _____

- Academic Support to Bridge Learning and Achievement Gaps of Students (C)

Amount to be transferred: _____

NOTE: Only answer the questions below that apply to how the LEA will use GEER funds.

2A. Equitable Services Assurances

The LEA Superintendent or his/her authorized representative assures or certifies the following:

- The LEA receiving GEER funds will provide equitable services to students and teachers in non-public schools located within the LEA in the same manner as provided under Section 1117 of the ESEA as determined through timely and meaningful consultation with representatives of non-public schools.
- The LEA will ensure that a public agency will maintain control of funds for the services and assistance provided to a non-public school under the GEER fund.
- The LEA will ensure that a public agency will have title to materials, equipment, and property purchased with GEER funds.
- The LEA will ensure that services to a non-public school with GEER funds will be provided by a public agency directly, or through contract with, another public or private entity.

Provide a brief explanation answering the following questions:

- 1) Were services from private schools accepted or refused in your LEA?
- 2) If services were accepted by private schools, who accepted and what allocation did they receive?
- 3) When did private schools in your LEA receive timely and meaningful consultation?
- 4) What services will each private school receive and when will the services be implemented?
- 5) How will GEER funds be used to improve remote learning services and support technical capacity and access at private schools within your LEA?
- 6) If a private school administrative set-aside is being taken by the LEA, what is the allocation and how will it be used?

1. Services from Private Schools were accepted
2. Mt. Pilgrim Christian Academy - Ms. Eleashia Roper- \$410.88
Restoration Academy - Mr. Brian Goessling- \$6,882.16
3. Timely and meaningful consultation held on June 4, 2020. New consultation held 10/22/2020.
4. Services will include purchases for core subject area software, as well as hard-copy resources that support academic achievement. Services will be implemented after approved requisitions are received. Funds will be expended by September 30, 2022.
5. Private Schools will utilize funds to support current remote learning services for students.
6. Administrative Cost - no set aside being taken.

2B: Equipping School Buses with Wi-Fi Capabilities

Provide details as to how the LEA will use GEER funds to connect Wi-Fi to district buses.

The Fairfield City School System is offering a Mobile WiFi Solution. We are providing students with the best opportunity for distance learning, since we recognized that every school district across the state can benefit from easily accessible hotspots. This new solution has been installed on school buses at various locations that our administrators have deemed necessary. Our goal is to unify the systems together in one platform all while saving time by providing speedy technologies and connectivity that would make e-learning a breeze. Fairfield City School System believe that ensuring a safe learning environment is our top-priority to guarantee the health and success of each student.

2C: Additional Academic Supports to Bridge Learning and Achievement Gaps

Applicable Grade-Level(s) (Check all that apply):

Pre-K K 1st 2nd 3rd 4th 5th

Applicable Support(s) (Check all that apply):

- Reading/ELA Family Engagement/At-Home Learning Resources
- Math Family Engagement/At-Home Learning Resources
- Dyscalculia-Specific Screener
- Dyslexia-Specific Screener
- Vulnerable Populations Resources or Supports ES MS HS

NOTE: Only answer the questions below that apply to supports selected above by the LEA.**Reading and Math Family Engagement/At-Home Learning Resources**

Describe how the following conditions will be maximized through the purchase of resources, tools, or other supports with the use of GEER funds:

- Aligns to Alabama ELA and/or math course of study standards;
- Provides opportunities to extend learning and build connections at home;
- Reinforces key grade level concepts;
- Includes grade-level appropriate manipulatives for math and literature for reading;
- Provides individual student opportunities for both intervention and enrichment activities; and
- Includes easy-to-follow planning calendars or activity suggestions for families.

The Fairfield City School System have used the funds to purchase family engagement kits for remote and traditional learning. The kits will be used to assist students with assignments related to ELA/Math COS standards to include the key grade level concepts, critical standards. Teachers are working with families through project based learning activities which builds the home connection.

The funds will be used to purchase grade level materials such as math manipulatives and leveled readers for students. The list below includes, but not limited to the following:

Levelized Readers - 200 @ 17.99 per box-Scholastic - \$3,598.00
 Math Manipulatives - Base 10 sets - 200 @ 6.00/pack - \$1,200.00
 Graphing Mats - 30 @ 12.99/mat - \$389.70

Total estimated cost: \$5,187.70

These materials will be utilized in the classroom as well as parents will be able to pick these materials up from the school.

The funds have been used to purchase our Early Intervention Diagnostic program, IReady.

Dyscalculia Screener

Describe how the following conditions will be maximized through the purchase of resources, tools, or other supports with the use of GEER funds:

- Identifies dyscalculic tendencies in students and is not time intensive to administer;
- Recommends intervention strategies;
- Presents easy to interpret reports and information on a student's strengths and weaknesses;
- Provides diagnostic reports for teachers;
- Provides parent reports and guidance; and
- Provide additional opportunities to screen students beyond grade 3.

N/A

Dyslexia-Specific Screener

Describe how the following conditions will be maximized through the purchase of resources, tools, or other supports with the use of GEER funds:

- Aligns to evidence-based science of reading criteria;
- Provides ability and options to universally screen, identify risks, progress monitor, and/or report results in a seamless system;
- Provides recommendations for intervention strategies and/or individualized learning paths to help close achievement gaps; and
- Provides additional opportunities to screen students beyond grade 3 (if applicable).

N/A

Vulnerable Populations Supports

Describe how the following conditions will be maximized through the purchase of resources, tools, or other supports with the use of GEER funds:

- Provides streamlined approach to gather, use, and monitor identified vulnerable population data;
- Includes tools or resources to assist with development and/or implementation of individualized plans for specific needs of students;
- Includes communication tools to ensure meaningful communication in a language understood by the parents/guardians;
- Provides evidence-based learning activities that align to students' plans; and
- Provides other related or applicable services specific to vulnerable populations.

The Fairfield City School System will ensure that students in grades PreK-12 with special needs will be able to participate remotely in reading, math, and social skills instruction during the time that schools are on altered schedules. IEP goals and objectives can be worked toward using Acellus. The programs are designed to be accommodated to meet the individual learning level and style for each student with an IEP. Once students transition back to full traditional instruction, these programs will continue to be used for in-person instruction.

All of the needs listed below specifically target literacy of the English learner either in their first language or in English. Development in the first language only proves to enhance academic vocabulary development in a second language. Verbed Bilingual Books for our ESL Parent Bilingual Library. (30 books @ \$17.00 = \$510.00)
1 copy per family of a bilingual book to be given away at our yearly ESL Parent workshop entitled "Unidos Leemos" This means "we read together". This workshop promotes bilingual literacy in the students first language and focuses on teaching parents the importance of reading to their children in their first language which also promotes increased academic vocabulary in English. (20 books @ \$17.00 each \$340.00)
Bob's Books - Complete Set of Decodable/ Fundamental Reading Skills Bundle (\$154.99). Total estimated cost: \$1,012.30

Students in grades K-12 who have specific learning gaps in reading and math will be offered before and after school tutoring for the 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 school years. Students will attend tutoring Monday-Thursday from the hours of 7:15 a.m.-7:45 a.m. and 3:15 p.m.-4:15 p.m.

Schools will send parent letters and other modes of communication to ensure parents are informed about the progress of their child. The resources used will include, but not limited to the following: Acellus, SPIRE, iReady, and AMSTI.

2D. Before/After School Tutoring

Describe how the following conditions will be maximized through the purchase of resources, tools, or other supports with the use of GEER funds:

- Aligns to *Alabama Literacy Act* requirements for students who are identified with a reading deficiency;
- Provides learning opportunities outside of the traditional school day; and
- Includes description of employee duties/responsibilities aligned to intensive intervention needs.

The Fairfield City School System will utilize the funds to host a Literacy Camp in the summer of 2021 and 2022. Students in grades K-3 who have been identified as struggling readers will be required to attend the Literacy Camp.

We will ensure the following:

Staffed with highly effective teachers of reading as demonstrated by student reading performance data, completion of multisensory structured language education, and teacher performance evaluations

Provide direct, explicit, and systematic reading intervention services and supports to improve any identified areas of reading deficiency

Include 70 hours of time in scientifically-based reading instruction and intervention

Teachers will administer a reading assessment system at the beginning and end of the summer reading camp to measure student progress

May be held in conjunction with existing summer programs in the school district or in partnership with community-based summer programs, designated as effective by the Alabama State Superintendent of Education and the Literacy Act

Personnel costs will be used for before and after school tutoring

3. Budget Development

The LEA Superintendent or his/her authorized representative assures or certifies the following:

The LEA will use GEER funds for activities outlined in the application and allowable under Section 18002(c) of Division B of the CARES Act. The United States Department of Education does not expect administrative or executive salaries and benefits for IHEs, SEAs, or the other education related entities referenced at Section 18002(c)(3) to be a lawful purpose for GEER funds.

Total CARES Act - GEER Allocation: (NOTE: Make sure to include Equitable Services in the total)	\$127,166.00
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Provide a detailed budget to explain how GEER funds will be used at the LEA as identified by data, needs assessments, and other areas impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

3A. Equitable Services

Total Section A Allocation			\$7,293.04
Expense Items	Brief Description of Expense Items	Funding Source (Function - Object - Program)	Estimated Budget Amount
Private School Allocation	See Detailed Narrative in Section 2A	9200-(411/414/479)-4900	\$7,293.04

3B. Equipping School Buses with WI-FI Capabilities

Total Section B Allocation			\$26,372.05
Expense Items	Brief Description of Expense Items	Funding Source (Function - Object - Program)	Estimated Budget Amount
WI-FI Equipment	Cost of WI-FI installation on buses	2190-389-8218	\$26,372.05
Indirect Costs			
Other (if applicable)			

3C. Additional Academic Supports to Bridge Learning and Achievement Gaps			
Total Section C Allocation			\$69,528.32
Expense Items	Brief Description of Expense Items	Funding Source (Function - Object - Program)	Estimated Budget Amount
Salaries	Personnel Costs (Before & After School Tutoring)	1100-010/191/192-1200/1500/2900/8100	\$25,000.00
Benefits (If applicable)	Personnel Benefits (Before & After School Tutoring)	1100-220-250-1200/1500/2900	\$5,000.00
Classroom Supplies (Including print materials)	Instructional Materials & Supplies - Family engagement kits	1100-411/419-2900/8100	\$5,187.70
Transportation (If applicable)	Costs to transport students	4190-199/220-250-8410	\$7,600.00
Indirect Costs			
Other (If applicable)	Instructional Software/Agreements (Acellus)	1100-333/414-2900/8100	\$25,726.32
Classroom Supplies	Instructional Materials & Supplies - EL Materials	1100-411/419-2900/8100	\$1,012.30

3D. Before/After School Tutoring			
Total Section D Allocation			\$23,974.59
Expense Items	Brief Description of Expense Items	Funding Source (Function - Object - Program)	Estimated Budget Amount
Salaries	Personnel Costs (Before & After School Tutoring)	1100/9130-010/191/192-1200/1500/2900	\$20,000.00
Benefits (If applicable)	Personnel Benefits (Before & After School Tutoring)	1100/9130-220-250-1200/1500/2900	\$3,974.59
Classroom Supplies (Including print materials)			
Transportation (If applicable)			
Indirect Costs			
Other (If applicable)			

How will the LEA plan for implementation and measure impact for effectiveness for purchases identified?

The District's Leadership Team met to determine how best to allocate services and determine needs. The district has implemented many of the initiatives mentioned in this report. We will have checkpoints to ensure implementation occurs. The impact of effectiveness will be measured by student data, stakeholder surveys, reports, meetings, etc.

What is the proposed timeline for providing services and assistance to students and staff?

The proposed timeline for providing services and assistance to students and staff is August 2020-September 2022.

OTHER ASSURANCES AND CERTIFICATIONS

4. Other Assurances and Certifications

The LEA Superintendent or his/her authorized representative assures or certifies the following:

- The LEA that receives GEER funds will, to the greatest extent practicable, continue to pay its employees and contractors during the period of any disruptions or closures related to COVID-19 in compliance with Section 18006 of Division B of the CARES Act.
- The LEA will comply with the maintenance of effort provision in Section 18008(a) of Division B of the CARES Act absent waiver by the Secretary pursuant to Section 18008(b) thereof.
- The LEA will cooperate with any monitoring policies and/or procedures with regards to the allowability of expenditures.
- The LEA will cooperate with any examination of records with respect to such funds by making records available for inspection, production, and examination, and authorized individuals for interview and examination, upon request.
- The LEA will use GEER funds for purposes that are reasonable, necessary, and allocable under the CARES Act.
- The LEA will comply with the provisions of all applicable acts, regulations and assurances; the provisions of Education Department General Administrative Regulations in 34 CFR Parts 75, 76, 77, 81, 82, 84, 86, 97, 98, and 99; the OMB Guidelines to Agencies on Governmentwide Debarment and Suspension (Nonprocurement) in 2 CFR Part 180, as adopted and amended as regulations of the Department in 2 CFR Part 3485; and the Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards in 2 CFR Part 200, as adopted and amended as regulations of the Department in 2 CFR Part 3474.

5. Section 427 of the General Education Provisions Act Assurances

The LEA Superintendent or his/her authorized representative assures or certifies the following:

- (a) The purpose of this section is to assist the Department in implementing the Department's mission to ensure equal access to education and to promote educational excellence throughout the Nation, by -
- (1) ensuring equal opportunities to participate for all eligible students, teachers, and other program beneficiaries in any project or activity carried out under an applicable program; and
 - (2) promoting the ability of such students, teachers, and beneficiaries to meet high standards.
- (b) The Secretary shall require each applicant for assistance under an applicable program (other than an individual) to develop and describe in such applicant's application the steps such applicant proposes to take to ensure equitable access to, and equitable participation in, the project or activity to be conducted with such assistance, by addressing the special needs of students, teachers, and other program beneficiaries in order to overcome barriers to equitable participation, including barriers based on gender, race, color, national origin, disability, and age.
- (c) The Secretary may establish criteria and provide technical assistance for meeting the requirements of this section.
- (d) Nothing in this section shall be construed to alter in any way the rights or responsibilities established under the

What steps does the LEA propose to take to permit students, teachers, and *other program* beneficiaries to overcome barriers (including barriers based on gender, race, color, national origin, disability, and age) that impede equal access to, or participation in, the program?

All barriers to instruction will be removed by the our LEA. We will ensure that every student has access to all available resources. If any barriers arise, we will be sure to address them immediately.

6. Section 442 of the General Education Provisions Act Assurances

The LEA Superintendent or his/her authorized representative assures or certifies the following:

(a) Each local educational agency which participates in an applicable program under which Federal funds are made available to such agency through a State agency or board shall submit to such agency or board a general application containing the assurances set forth in subsection (b). The application shall cover the participation by that local educational agency in all such programs.

(b) The general application submitted by a local education agency under subsection (a) shall set forth assurances

(1) that the local educational agency will administer each program by the application in accordance with all applicable statutes, regulations, program plans, and applications;

(2) that the control of funds provided to the local educational agency under each program, and title to property acquired with those funds, will be in a public agency and that a public agency will administer those funds and property;

(3) that the local educational agency will use fiscal control and fund accounting procedures that will ensure proper disbursement of, and accounting for, Federal funds paid to that agency under each program;

(4) that the local educational agency will make reports to the State agency or board and to the Secretary as may reasonably be necessary to enable the State agency or board and the Secretary to perform their duties and that the local educational agency will maintain such records, including the records required under section 443, and provide access to those records, as the State agency or board or the Secretary deem necessary to perform their duties;

(5) that the local educational agency will provide reasonable opportunities for the participation by teachers, parents, and other interested agencies, organizations, and individuals in the planning for and operation of each program;

(6) that any application, evaluation, periodic program plan or report relating to each program will be made readily available to parents and other members of the general public;

(7) that in the case of any project involving construction -

(A) the project is not inconsistent with overall State plans for the construction of school facilities, and

(B) in developing plans for construction, due consideration will be given to excellence of architecture and design and to compliance with standards prescribed by the Secretary under section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 in order to ensure that facilities constructed with the use of Federal funds are accessible to and usable by individuals with disabilities;

(8) that the local educational agency has adopted effective procedures for acquiring and disseminating to teachers and administrators participating in each program significant information from educational research, demonstrations, and similar projects, and for adopting, where appropriate, promising educational practices developed through such projects; and

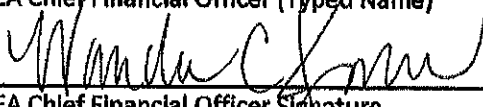
(9) that none of the funds expended under any applicable program will be used to acquire equipment (including computer software) in any instance in which such acquisition results in a direct financial benefit to any organization representing the interests of the purchasing entity or its employees or any affiliate of such an organization.

(c) A general application submitted under this section shall remain in effect for the duration of the program it covers. The State agencies or boards administering the programs covered by the application shall not require the submission or amendment of such application unless required by changes in Federal or State law or by other significant change in the circumstances affecting an assurance in such application.

To the best of my knowledge and belief, all the information and data in this agreement are true and correct. I acknowledge and agree that the failure to comply with all Assurances and Certifications in this agreement, all relevant provisions and requirements of the CARES Act, Pub. L. No. 116-136 (March 27, 2020), or any other applicable law or regulation may result in liability under the False Claims Act, 31 U.S.C. § 3729, et seq.; OMB Guidelines to Agencies on Governmentwide Debarment and Suspension (Nonprocurement) in 2 CFR Part 180, as adopted and amended as regulations of the Department in 2 CFR Part 3485; and 18 U.S.C. § 1001, as appropriate.

Mrs. Wanda Jackson

LEA Chief Financial Officer (Typed Name)



LEA Chief Financial Officer Signature

(205) 783-6764

Telephone Number

1/29/2021

Date

Dr. Regina D. Thompson

LEA Superintendent (Typed Name)



LEA Superintendent Signature

(205) 783-6801

Telephone Number

1/19/2021

Date

**Send completed application to CARESapp@alsde.edu.
Upon approval of the application, funds will be released to the LEA.**

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Date Application Received: 11/19/2020

Date ALSDE Approved: 2/10/2021

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Date



State Superintendent and/or Designee Signature

Date GEER Funds Released: _____