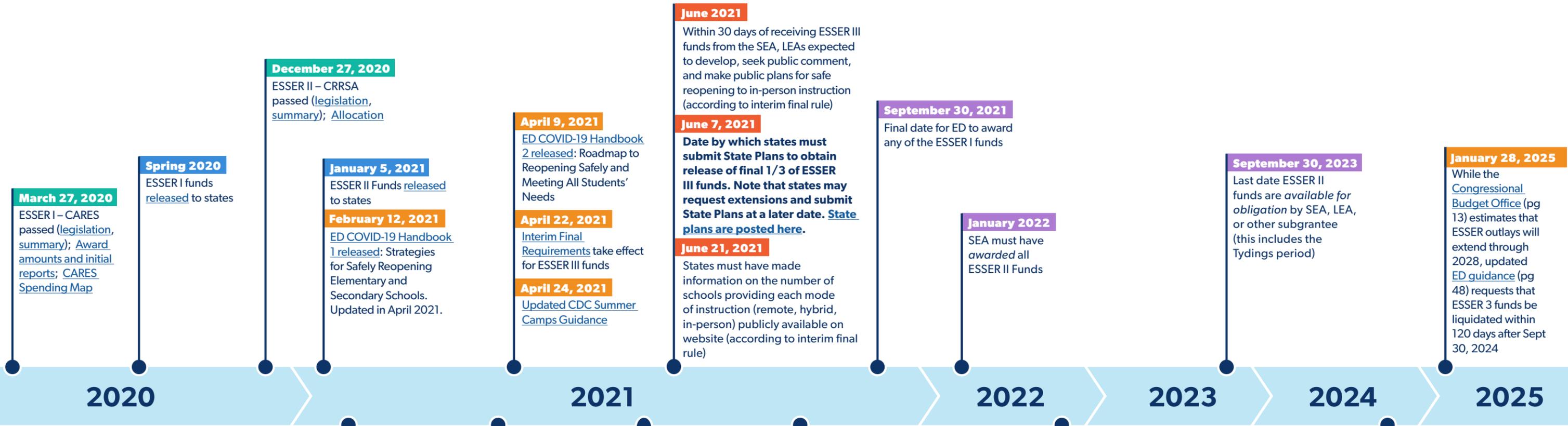


Timeline of the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Funds (ESSER)



March 11, 2021
ESSER III – ARP passed ([legislation](#), [summary](#)); [Allocation](#)

March 19, 2021
Updates to [CDC Guidance](#) on Reopening Schools

March 24, 2021
ESSER III Funds (2/3 of total - \$81 billion) [released](#) to states; [Allocation](#)

March 29, 2021
ED webinar w/Deputy Asst Sec. of Education Jessica Cardichon: [Addressing the Impact of Covid-19 though Summer Learning and Enrichment](#)

Spring 2021
SEAs must have *awarded* ESSER I funds. States return any ESSER I funds not awarded within 1 year since receiving funds (see [allocation sheet](#) for when funds were received); ED will reallocate any funds received.

May 2021
States expected to have *awarded* ESSER III funds within 60 days of receipt from ED or have an explanation for delay (see March 24, 2021)

May 6, 2021
ED begins first in an ongoing series of “[Office Hours](#)”

May 24, 2021
Comments on Interim Final Requirements Due

May 26, 2021
[ESSER and GEER FAQs](#) released by ED

Late Summer 2021
On a timeline set by the state, LEA must create, seek comment, and publish plan for spending funds on addressing learning loss, and supporting students’ academic, social, emotional, and mental health (according to interim final rule)

September 30, 2022
Last date ESSER I funds are *available for obligation* by SEA, LEA, or other subgrantee (this includes the Tydings period)

September 30, 2024
Last date ESSER III funds are *available for obligation* by SEA, LEA, or other subgrantee (this includes the Tydings period)

TERMS

ED: U.S. Department of Education

ESSER: Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief funds provided in pandemic relief bills

CARES: Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act passed in March 2020 that included first ESSER, or ESSER I

CRRSA: Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, pandemic relief bill providing ESSER II

ARP: American Rescue Plan, pandemic relief bill passed in March 2021, providing ESSER III

Interim Final Rule: The ED issued an interim final rule on April 22, 2021, outlining guidance and process state and local agencies must follow in ARP ESSER planning

Award: Refers to funds moving from the SEA to LEA or other sub-recipient

Obligate: A legally binding commitment is in place for funds to be spent on a particular purpose (e.g., an agreement to pay a staff person for a time period of 3 years preserves the money toward this purpose, but does not require the funds leave the account all at once)

