

How may districts use ESSER and GEER funds to specifically support high school students?

Guidance from the U.S. Department of Education states that "ESSER and GEER funds may be used to assist high school seniors with post-high school planning, including the additional costs to schools of providing these supports to students in a fully in-person, hybrid, or remote environment."

The Department has offered several examples of what these investments could include. ESSER and GEER funds may be used:

To pay college application fees for low-income students

To support summer bridge programs to help students make the successful transition to postsecondary education, training, pre-apprenticeship, registered apprenticeship, or other career pathway programs

To support the salaries of additional guidance counselors to assist students with exploring options for careers and postsecondary study, navigating the college application process, completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)

The full guidance document is available [here](#).

For ways to determine how much funding to invest in postsecondary pathways, check out [this resource](#).