

# COVID-19 K-4 and K-12 Learning Loss Funds December 2021 Report

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• Nearly two-thirds of districts and charter schools applied for these funds.

 Of the \$20 million allocated approximately \$19.8 million is reported to be obligated

• As of today, \$14,982,000.82 million has been drawn down with \$1,360,600.56 million requests pending in January.



- •Grant reimbursement requests lag actual expenditures
  - Criteria for spending
- •Districts and charter schools reported supporting thousands of Idaho students through use of these funds



- The most frequent use of both K-4 & K-12 funds was for remediation in ELA/Literacy
  - 40,000 students (K-4)
  - 25,000 students (K-12)
    - Funds targeted to reach at-risk student population
- Students reading at grade level rose 11%



• 24.5% of students tested in ELA/L and 33.0% of students tested in math are Level 2 (At/Near Proficiency)

• Excellent opportunity for those students to reach Level 3 (Proficiency) during spring 2022 summative testing.

 Some districts and charter schools used a different measure of student progress

### **Background**



- •\$20 million appropriated from the Federal COVID-19 Relief Fund
- •\$15 million for K-4 programs and \$5 million for K-12 programs.
  - Spending categories
    - Summer reading/early literacy program
    - General content remediation for ELA/Literacy
    - General content remediation for Math
    - Intervention for students at risk of not being promoted to the next grade
    - Credit recovery
    - Absenteeism

### **Background**



- House Bill 356 specified that
  - •K-4 funds were to be distributed based on the number of students at the lowest performance level on the most recent Idaho Reading Indicator (IRI).
  - For the K-12 funds distributed based on distribution formula developed by the State Department of Education

#### K-4 Funding Formula



 Based on the number of students in kindergarten through third grade who scored Below Grade Level on an April 2021 IRI administration

 The Department incorporated data from January through March 2021 for districts and charter schools unable to assess in the April time period

•\$6,000 minimum distribution

#### K-12 Funding Formula



- K-12 funding allocated using a combination of FY 2021 mid-term Average Daily Attendance (ADA) and academic performance. The base distribution was as follows:
  - Mid-term ADA < 25 = \$3,250
  - Mid-term ADA between 25-100 = \$130 per ADA
  - Mid-term ADA > 100 = \$13,000
- Remaining funding after base distribution was allocated based on an academic need value.

### **Participation**



- The Department shared information about the learning loss funds during the spring and early summer, before inviting interested districts and charter schools to apply.
  - Districts and charter schools could apply for either K-4 funding, K-12 funding, or both.

Participation Type	Number of Districts and Charter Schools
K-4 Total	106
K-4 Only	6
K-12 Total	115
K-12 Only	15
Both K-4 and K-12	100

#### **Reporting Requirements**



- Those receiving the K-4 funds
  - Administer the fall IRI by September 10, 2021

- Those receiving the K-12 funds
  - Same fall IRI requirement plus administer an Idaho Standards Achievement Test (ISAT) interim comprehensive assessment (ICA) or shortened interim comprehensive assessment (SICA
  - ISAT interim component deferred
  - Some districts and charter schools allowed to use locally-selected assessments

#### **Reporting Requirements**



- Number of students successfully served over the summer using the K-4 and/or K-12 funds:
  - Summer reading/early literacy program
  - General content remediation for ELA/Literacy
  - General content remediation for Math
  - Intervention for students at risk of not being promoted to the next grade
  - Credit recovery for middle and high school
- Other programs or local assessments using the learning loss funds

#### Reimbursements



K-4 Reimbursement Summary	Reimbursement Data*
Number Districts & Charter Schools Submitting Requests	66
by Purpose	
Capital Objects	\$32,830.75
Professional Development	\$117,129.09
Purchased Services (not including Professional Development)	\$755,385.93
Salaries/Benefits	\$3,078,425.80
Supplies/Materials	\$2,896,486.15
Travel for Students/Transportation	\$42,542.44
Total	\$6,922,800.16

<sup>\*</sup>Districts & charter schools may have expended funds that they have not yet submitted reimbursement, which would not be included in this table.

#### Reimbursements



K-12 Reimbursement Summary	Reimbursement Data*
Number Districts & Charter Schools Submitting Requests	78
by Purpose	
Capital Objects	\$14,620.16
Professional Development	\$3,750.00
Purchased Services (not including Professional Development)	\$397,137.67
Salaries/Benefits	\$1,483,598.44
Supplies/Materials	\$942,854.32
Travel for Students/Transportation	\$107,904.64
Total	\$2,949,865.23

<sup>\*</sup>Districts & charter schools may have expended funds that they have not yet submitted reimbursement, which would not be included in this table.

#### **Program Summary**



K-4 Program Summary*	Number of Students
Summer/reading early literacy	7,307
General content remediation for ELA/Literacy	43,082
General content remediation for Math	24,633
Intervention for Students at risk of not being promoted to the next grade	4,405
Credit recovery	86
Absenteeism	494

<sup>\*</sup>The narratives submitted by each district and charter school during this reporting periods are included in Appendix A of the report.

#### **Program Summary**



K-12 Program Summary*	Number of Students
Summer/reading early literacy	987
General content remediation for ELA/Literacy	25,239
General content remediation for Math	20,967
Intervention for Students at risk of not being promoted to the next grade	2,353
Credit recovery	3,606
Absenteeism	14,002

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### **Assessment Summary - IRI**



- K-3 students have to participate in the Idaho Reading Indicator (IRI) at the start of the school year in between August and September.
- The Department asked districts and charter schools to assess students supported by the K-4 learning loss funds between
  - September 1 to 10th, and
  - December 1 to 10th.
- Measures five foundational reading skills
  - Alphabetic Knowledge, Phonemic Awareness, Vocabulary, Comprehension, and Fluency
- Results reported in three categories
  - Tier 1 (At Grade Level)
  - Tier 2 (Near/Below Grade Level)
  - Tier 3 (Well Below Grade Level)

# **Assessment Summary - IRI**



Tions	Septemb		Decemb	er 2021*
Tiers	#	%	#	%
Tier 1 (At Grade Level)	24,048	51.2%	30,792	62.2%
Tier 2 (Near/ Below Grade Level)	11,504	24.5%	10,097	20.4%
Tier 3 (Well Below Grade Level)	11,402	34.3%	8,639	17.4%
Totals	46,954	100.0%	49,528	100.0%

<sup>\*</sup>distinct cohorts



- K-12 funds were asked to administer:
  - ELA and/or math ISAT interim comprehensive assessment (ICA) or shortened interim comprehensive assessment (SICA) to supported students.
- Challenges with implementing this metric at the opening of the school year
- Some districts and charter schools are already using locally-selected assessments (MAP or STAR) so the Department will incorporate usage data from these tests in lieu of the recommended ICAs or SICAs.



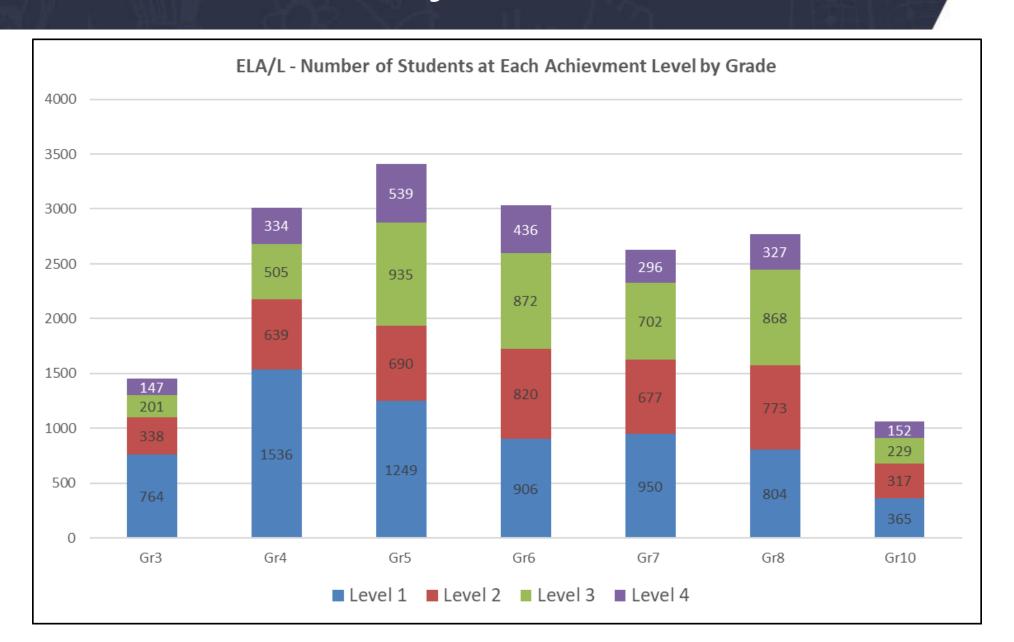
- Overall proficiency scores are reported in one of four achievement levels:
  - Level 1: The student has not met the achievement standard and needs substantial improvement to demonstrate the knowledge and skills in English language arts/literacy or mathematics needed for likely success in future coursework.
  - Level 2: The student has nearly met the achievement standard...
  - Level 3: The student has met the achievement standard...
  - Level 4: The student has exceeded the achievement standard...



• ISAT ICA or SICA in December 2021 - in each of the achievement levels for English Language Arts/Literacy (ELA/L)

English Language Arts/Literacy		
Achievement Levels	December 2021	
Achievement Levels	#	%
Level 1	6,574	37.8%
Level 2	4,254	24.5%
Level 3	4,312	24.8%
Level 4	2,231	12.8%
Totals	17,371	



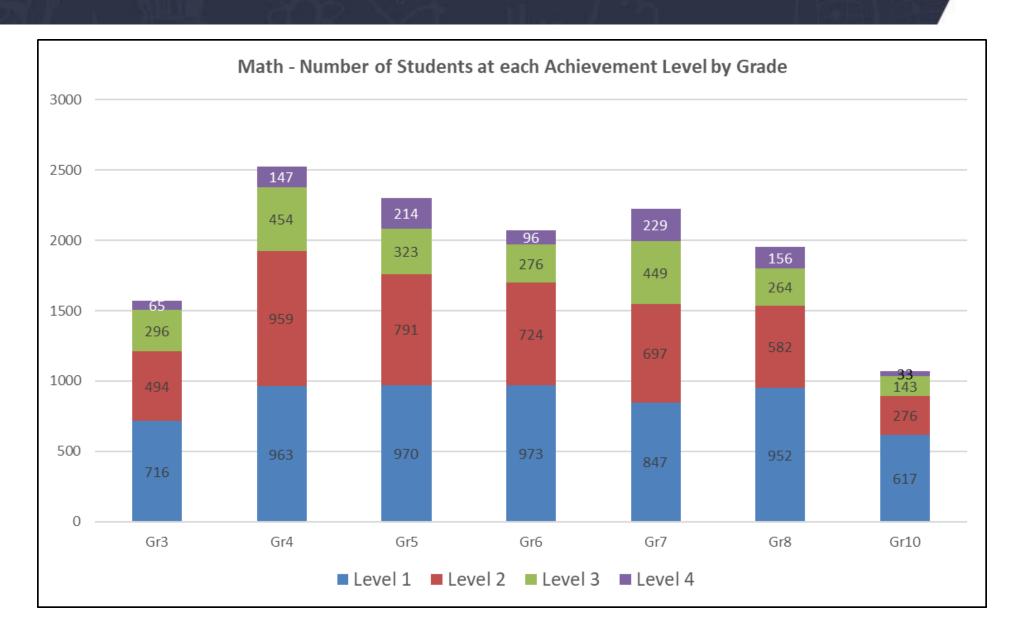




• ISAT ICA or SICA in December 2021 - in each of the achievement levels for mathematics

Mathematics		
Achievement Levels	December 2021	
Achievement Levels	#	%
Level 1	6,038	44.1%
Level 2	4,523	33.0%
Level 3	2,205	16.1%
Level 4	940	6.9%
Totals	13,706	





### **Locally-Selected Assessments**



Locally-Selected Assessments	Number of Districts and Charter Schools
i-Ready	7
CBM Fluency Measures	1
iStation	12
MAP	7
AIMSWeb	3
STAR	13

# **Addressing Learning Loss**



Many thanks to Governor and Legislature for appropriating \$20 million from Federal COVID-19 Relief Fund

- Districts & charter schools used funds to address local needs based on recommendations for:
  - Summer Programs, Afterschool Programs, Additional Tutoring, Targeted Intervention, etc.



