



How QUEST Adventures Aligns to ESSER III Goals



ProSolve's QUEST Adventures enhances out-of-school time with immersive SEL experiences, utilizing ESSER III funds to foster equitable, engaging, and accessible learning that transforms student success in and beyond the classroom.

Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund (ESSER III)

ESSER III aims to address a wide range of needs arising from the coronavirus crisis, including sustaining safe school operations and facilitating the continuity of learning for all students.

This funding empowers Local Education Agencies (LEAs) to implement strategies that mitigate learning loss, build foundational skills, and enhance instructional quality. ESSER III encourages LEAs to invest in comprehensive, evidence-based educational strategies that promote equity and access.

As part of their ESSER III planning, LEAs are encouraged to consider innovative approaches to education that extend beyond traditional classroom settings, encompassing summer learning, afterschool programs, and other extended learning and enrichment opportunities.

With the obligation deadline set for September 30, 2024, LEAs have a timely window to utilize these funds effectively. Moreover, with the potential for an extension, they may be liquidated as late as March 2026 on a case-by-case basis. Funds for multi-year program subscriptions can extend up to four years after the funds are obligated. Check with your state or district for local rules. This structure supports the swift and effective utilization of resources to foster environments where students can thrive.

In this guide, we will help you explore how ProSolve's QUEST Adventures for grades K-8 aligns with the goals of ESSER III by providing an experiential learning platform that supports out-of-school time, fosters social-emotional skill building, engages the whole child, and equips students for success in a rapidly evolving world.





Goal: Boost Summer Learning Engagement

ESSER Allowable Use:

Planning and implementing activities related to summer learning.

How QUEST Adventures Aligns:

- **Comprehensive Enrichment Program:** 20+ hours of high-quality instructional materials, an easy-to-implement PK-8 summer learning curriculum designed to engage the whole learner through immersive collaborative problem-solving, SEL experiences, and academic learning.
- **Flexible Programming:** Pacing guides for 15 to 65 hours of content ensures that programs can be tailored to different summer schedules and learning goals.
- **Inclusive and Engaging Content:** Built-in Spanish support for English learners increases accessibility and engagement. Immersive storytelling, coupled with animations and a hybrid hands-on and digital learning experience, captures students' attention and builds learning through purposeful play.
- **Professional Development and Support:** A dedicated support team plus robust teacher tools, including comprehensive facilitator guides, recruitment materials, and just-in-time professional development resources, enable educators to deliver high-quality learning experiences.
- **Research-Based Design for Effective Learning:** ESSA Level IV and an evidence-building curriculum ensure that the summer learning experience is engaging and significantly contributes to overall student success.





Goal: Support the Whole Child and Foster Social-Emotional Skill Development

ESSER Allowable Use:

Providing mental health services and supports.

How QUEST Adventures Aligns:

- **Build SEL Competency:** Aligned to the CASEL framework, students gain competency to practice and build their SEL skills. By engaging students in active learning, QUEST Adventures helps children build relationship skills and collaborative problem solving through team-based experiences.
- **Promotes Positive Behavior and Collaborative Community:** Team-based challenges naturally encourage positive behaviors such as cooperation, respect, and responsibility. QUEST reinforces the importance of working together effectively by engaging students in collaborative problem-solving.
- **Fosters Resilience and Critical Thinking:** QUEST is designed to simulate real-world scenarios, encouraging students to develop resilience and critical thinking, which are tools essential for mental well-being.
- **Supports Goal Setting and Achievement:** By setting clear, achievable objectives within its adventures, QUEST Adventures teaches students how to set and strive towards personal and academic goals, reinforcing a positive mindset.
- **Encourages Reflection and Mindfulness:** Dedicated reflection time after activities allows students to process experiences and cultivate a deeper understanding of themselves and their interactions with others.





Goal: Create Equitable Learning Environments

ESSER Allowable Use:

Addressing the needs of low-income students, students with disabilities, English learners, migrant students, students experiencing homelessness, and children in foster care.

How QUEST Adventures Aligns:

- **Spanish Language Supports:** Key instructional videos and materials in Spanish enhance engagement and understanding for English learners and facilitate. By providing guardian-facing materials in English and Spanish, users can support a strong home-school connection.
- **Universal Design for Learning:** Incorporates diverse instructional methods to meet varied learning needs, ensuring accessibility for all students, including those with disabilities and English learners.
- **Culturally Responsive Instruction:** QUEST Adventures' active, meaningful learning approach supports culturally responsive classroom by creating an inclusive community and empowering student voice and agency. It also makes the content relatable and engaging for students from diverse backgrounds.
- **Empathy and Community Building:** Our team-based challenges naturally encourage positive behaviors such as cooperation, respect, and empathy. QUEST Adventures reinforces the importance of working together effectively by engaging students in collaborative problem-solving and building a classroom community.





Goal: Elevate After-School Program Quality, and Empower and Support Educators

ESSER Allowable Use:

Planning and implementing activities related to supplemental after-school programs.
Providing principals and other school leaders with the resources necessary to address the unique needs of their individual schools.

How QUEST Adventures Aligns:

- **Enrichment Curriculum:** QUEST Adventures provides support to improve attendance, behavior, and academic performance in response to school districts' focus on increasing accountability measures.
- **Research-based and Evidence-Informed:** Grounded in evidence-building and research-based practices aligned to the CASEL framework, QUEST Adventures' immersive and developmentally appropriate purposeful play actively empowers students to build, apply, and transfer social-emotional skills through authentic experiential learning.
- **Engagement and Retention Strategies:** Through purposeful play, gamification, and immersive storylines, students stay engaged and excited to participate in after-school, thereby boosting attendance and retention.
- **Easy to Implement:** All necessary training tools and implementation resources are included and designed for straightforward, fun facilitation, making it easy and accessible for after-school program leaders to lead QUEST Adventures in their programming successfully.
- **Interactive and Collaborative Activities:** Engaging activities facilitate teamwork, critical thinking, and problem-solving, which is vital for enriching after-school programs.
- **Professional Development for Staff:** Offers training and resources for educators, equipping them to deliver high-quality, impactful programming.





Why QUEST Adventures?

OST programs offer a unique and low-risk setting for students to build the social-emotional learning skills that help them become resilient, engaged, and productive adults. QUEST Adventures provides students with targeted learning opportunities to build and expand their social-emotional learning and 4 C's foundation.

As a complete experiential social-emotional learning experience, QUEST caters to students' holistic growth, enhancing their skills and capabilities to meet the demands of life and the future. QUEST merges academic learning with the development of social-emotional skills as students PLAY, CONNECT, and CREATE through up to 65 hours of gameplay and game design.

Districts across the country celebrate:

- ✓ Raised attendance rates
- ✓ Increased engagement
- ✓ Elevated critical thinking skills
- ✓ Increased team and self-awareness
- ✓ Improved ability to solve complex problems
- ✓ Skill transfer to the school day





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