

Maintenance of Equity: Statement of Exemption

2021-2022

RICHLAND SPRINGS ISD

American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act

Elementary and Secondary Schools Emergency Relief III (ESSER III)

Under ESSER III, the LEA must maintain equity in the distribution of State or local funds, or have a Statement of Exemption.

ARP Act Statute

Section 2004(c)(1)

1. As a condition of receiving funds under Section 2001, a local education agency (LEA) shall not, in fiscal year 2022 or 2023
 - A. Reduce per-pupil funding (from combined State and local funding) for any high-poverty school served by such local LEA by an amount that exceeds -
 - a. The total reduction in LEA funding (from combined State and local funding) for all schools served by the LEA in such fiscal year (if any); divided by
 - b. The number of children enrolled in all schools served by the LEA in such fiscal year; or
 - B. Reduce per-pupil, full-time equivalent staff in any high-poverty school by an amount that exceeds -
 - a. The total reduction in full-time equivalent staff in all schools served by such LEA in such fiscal year (if any); divided by
 - b. The number of children enrolled in all schools served by the LEA in such fiscal year
2. Exception – Paragraph 1 shall not apply to a LEA in fiscal year 2022 or 2023 that meets at least 1 of the following criteria in such fiscal year:
 - A. Such LEA has a total enrollment of less than 1,000 students
 - B. Such LEA operates a single school
 - C. Such LEA serves all students within each grade span with a single school
 - D. Such LEA demonstrates an exceptional or uncontrollable circumstance, such as unpredictable changes in student enrollment or a precipitous decline in the financial resources of such agency, as determined by the Secretary of Education

Statement of Exemption

RICHLAND SPRINGS is exempt from the ESSER III's Maintenance of Equity requirement for the reason indicated, below:

- The LEA has a total enrollment of less than 1,000 students; LEA enrollment = 125
- The LEA operates a single school

Campus Name	Campus #	Grades
RICHLAND SPRINGS SCHOOL	206-902-001	K-12

Clifton James Womack

Print Name of Authorized Official

Signature of Authorized Official

Superintendent

Title

7/5/2021

Date

High-poverty school: a school that is in the highest quartile of schools served by LEA based on the percentage of economically disadvantaged students served

This completed Statement of Exemption should be kept locally and made available upon request by TEA or an auditor.