



CARES Act (ESSER Fund) Guidelines

Professional Development Services to Private Nonprofit School Personnel

The **CARES Act (ESSER Fund)** provides equitable services to private nonprofit school teachers, principals, and other educational personnel. The school share allocations are used to increase the academic achievement of all students. Activities carried out with **CARES Act (ESSER Fund) funds** must be evidence-based, of high quality, and provide sustained training, so as to positively impact teaching and learning in the classroom. Only those workshops, conferences, coaching sessions, and university courses (subject to district guidelines) that meet federal requirements as outlined by applicable statutes and guidance will be approved by Catapult Learning.

Eligible professional development activities seek to improve the knowledge of teachers, principals, and other educational personnel in:

- Content knowledge—providing training in one or more of the core academic subjects that the teachers teach; and
- Classroom practices--providing training to improve teaching practices and student academic achievement.

Professional development activities improve the knowledge of teachers, principals, and other educational personnel regarding effective instructional practices.

Planning effective professional development activities is a collaborative process involving teachers, administrators, and other educational personnel.