VISION

Students across the state had different access to instruction in Spring 2020 and throughout the 2020-21 school year. This resulted in lower average proficiency across the state, specifically in math and early reading.

Beginning in the 2020-21 school year through summer 2024, the department is investing in TN ALL Corps tutoring supports through a grant matching program available to both school districts and community partners. Combining funding that is available at the state, district, and community levels, Tennessee can dramatically increase the amount of learning time children have access to—helping to mitigate learning loss and accelerate student achievement.

In the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) funding, or ESSER 3.0, the federal government requires 20% of the district’s ESSER 3.0 allocation to be spent to address learning loss. Districts may satisfy the required learning loss set aside through participation in the program.

MATCHING GRANTS FOR TUTORING

The Tennessee Department of Education is investing $170.5 million to support summer programming and the statewide Tennessee Accelerating Literacy and Learning Corps (TN ALL Corps) to provide students with access to qualified tutors to help boost student achievement. Part of the Tennessee Learning Loss and Student Acceleration Act, the TN ALL Corps initiative will support students across the state by providing access to qualified tutors in both English Language Arts (ELA) and math, for students in all grades and in all communities.

KEY TAKEAWAY

Over the next three years, the state’s matching-grant approach for tutoring, in combination with summer programming, will serve nearly 150,000 students, with 50,000 students served in the first year. This will provide 250-500 additional hours of academic instruction each, in the next three years and four summers. The total investment in tutoring between the state and LEA matching grants is projected to be over $200 million.