



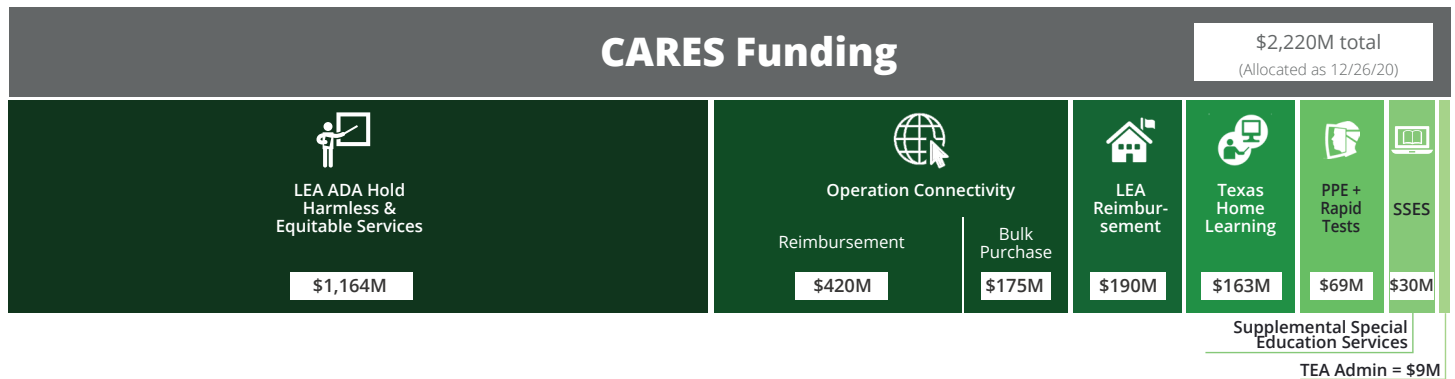
COVID-19 Response



Irving ISD

CARES FUNDING

As authorized by legislative leadership and Governor Abbott, TEA and the Texas Department of Emergency Management (TDEM) have administered the disbursement of more than \$2 billion from the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act to support schools, students, teachers, and families with immediate educational needs related to COVID-19. Categories of support range from personal computing devices and hot spots purchased through Operation Connectivity to free rapid COVID tests for any district that opts in to administer tests to teachers, students, and staff.¹⁹



OPERATION CONNECTIVITY

1. Triage

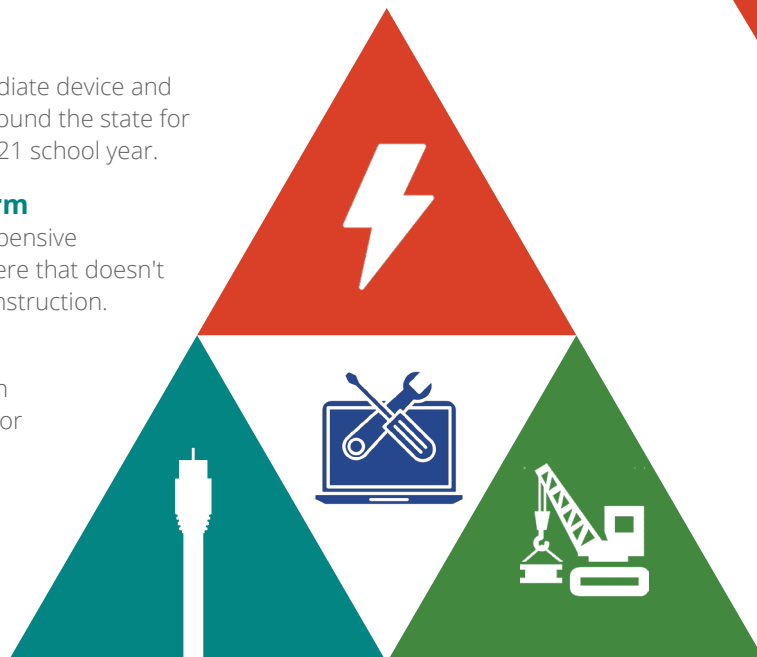
Addressing immediate device and internet issues around the state for the start of 2020-21 school year.

2. Medium Term

Reliable and inexpensive internet everywhere that doesn't require major construction.

3. Long Term

Getting internet in places where major construction and installation is required.



More than **3.2M devices** already acquired

Operation Connectivity is a joint effort between Governor Abbott and the TEA to connect all public school students with a personal device and reliable internet connection at home. Collectively, school systems and TEA have acquired more than 3.2 million devices since the start of COVID-19.

SUPPORTING INSTRUCTION DURING COVID-19

Texas Home Learning (THL) is a set of optional resources developed to support districts, schools and families in response to the disruption of traditional face-to-face learning due to COVID-19. These resources include professional development, instructional technology supports, and both electronic and hard copy instructional materials. THL supports address both the immediate and lingering effects of learning loss. Districts may freely access any resources that fit their local needs.



Implementation Supports and Training



TEA is providing an extensive set of professional supports to school systems to help with the shift to remote instruction and to help accelerate instruction to make up for lost learning time. These supports include training for teachers and principals, best practice guidance, hands on assistance for school leadership teams, and more.



Remote and Hybrid Learning Solutions

Comprehensive sets of high-quality, TEKS-aligned, digitally-native instructional resources for Pre-K through 12th grade.



Platform



Schoology, a Learning Management System, is provided free to all schools for 2 years.



Direct Shipping of Resources to Families



TEA sent out texts and other materials directly to families that didn't have access to technology, when requested by their school systems.



Service



TEA has partnered with AmplioSpeech to provide schools and parents with a robust system to enhance in-person and online instructional therapy to students.

