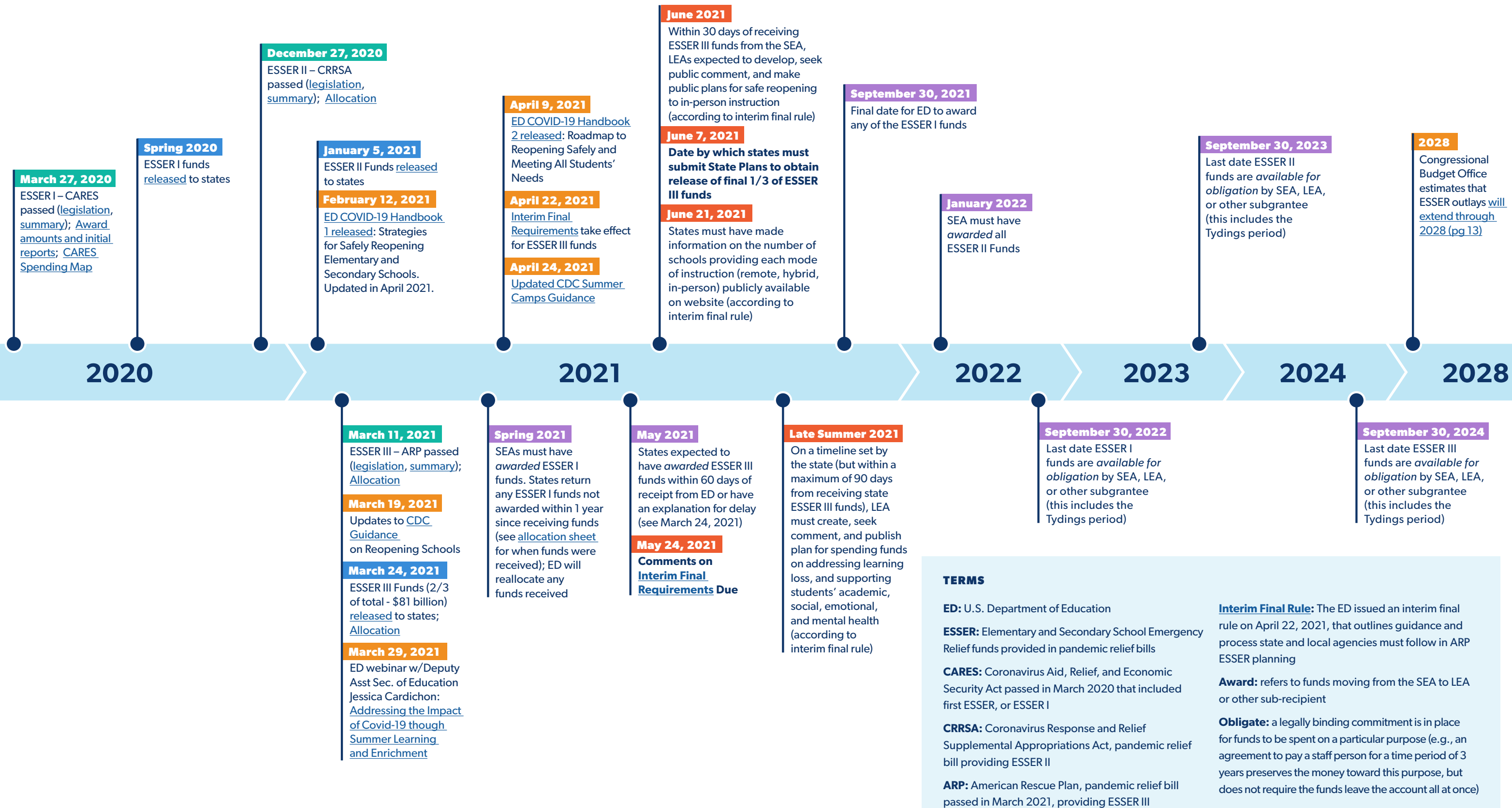


Timeline of the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Funds (ESSER)



TERMS

- ED:** U.S. Department of Education
- ESSER:** Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief funds provided in pandemic relief bills
- CARES:** Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act passed in March 2020 that included first ESSER, or ESSER I
- CRRSA:** Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, pandemic relief bill providing ESSER II
- ARP:** American Rescue Plan, pandemic relief bill passed in March 2021, providing ESSER III
- Interim Final Rule:** The ED issued an interim final rule on April 22, 2021, that outlines guidance and process state and local agencies must follow in ARP ESSER planning
- Award:** refers to funds moving from the SEA to LEA or other sub-recipient
- Obligate:** a legally binding commitment is in place for funds to be spent on a particular purpose (e.g., an agreement to pay a staff person for a time period of 3 years preserves the money toward this purpose, but does not require the funds leave the account all at once)

COLOR KEY: Legislation (green), Fund Release (blue), Funds Deadline (purple), Action Deadline (orange), Other (Including regulations and guidance) (brown)

NOTE: State reporting periods on the use of these funds occur throughout this timeline.