

Newsela Stimulus Funding Alignments

Newsela has been working closely with state and district leaders around the country to address critical challenges exacerbated by COVID-19. Through this work we have developed and implemented plans for innovative and sustainable support for educators, students, and administrators. Many of these plans are directly aligned with permissible expenditures for federal stimulus funds. If you'd like to apply stimulus funding to your purchase of Newsela, you can use this worksheet as a starting point for grant applications or reporting requirements. More information can be found [here](#).

Newsela is also a Classwallet EANS approved Vender. You can learn more about how Classwallet supports EANS and whether or not your state is approved to use Classwallet [here](#).

Theme	Newsela Proof Points
Addressing Impacts of Learning Loss	<p>Newsela content ensures lessons are engaging, inclusive, grounded in SEL, and aligned to the standards that students may be behind on.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Based in the learning science of student motivation and engagement ● Aligned to ESSA Tier 3 evidence ● Flexibility to prioritize the standards & concepts all students need to be successful going forward ● One platform for both extended learning (like tutoring) and the school year ● CASEL-aligned content and lessons to integrate SEL and academics
Supporting Social Emotional Learning and Mental Health	<p>Newsela weaves social-emotional learning throughout content area instruction, allowing educators to both nurture students' well-being and develop important academic skills.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Embedded SEL resources across all subject products help weave SEL into content-area instruction: ELA, Social Studies, and Science ● The Newsela SEL Collection includes content and lessons organized by the five CASEL competencies ● Embedded SEL teaching resources on select articles and content curations give teachers ideas on how to spark discussion and connection.

Ensuring Equity & Accessibility	<p>Newsela delivers equity for all learners with content that goes beyond how students access the materials and ensures the materials themselves are accessible.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Proven to have a positive impact on schools, regardless of their student subgroup composition● All nonfiction content published at 5 reading levels● Culturally responsive, current content comes from diverse sources and is more engaging to students of varied backgrounds● Teachers can scaffold instruction with customizable writing prompts, annotations, and assignment directions.● Power Words in Newsela ELA help students build Tier 2 vocabulary● WCAG AA compliant platform makes content accessible to students with disabilities: website is fully operable with a keyboard, includes screen-reader friendly labels, and offers read aloud mode in English and Spanish.● Accessible from any device
Student Engagement	<p>Newsela allows students to connect with teachers and their peers. Students of all abilities have access to grade-level concepts together through leveled content and instructional resources meant to spark discussion.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Thousands of lesson resources for teachers across subjects with ideas for interactive activities● Content rendered in five reading levels empowers all students to participate in discussions● Project-based learning collections for every subject drive student choice and agency● Teacher-student and student-teacher annotations support communication