



Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services Plan (ARP Act)

LEA Information

1. LEA Name (one LEA per form)*

Academy of Tucson Schools

2. Entity ID Number*

78897

3. CTDS Number*

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4. Plan's Primary Contact Name*

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Please submit your Safe Return to In-Person Learning Plan every six months from your prior submission date.

Revision Timeline: May 2023-September 2023

7. Since your last submission date, when did your LEA last review and/or revise your plan? Please provide the updated mm/dd/yyyy of your review/revision. This date should be updated from your last submission. *

08/22/2023

All LEAs receiving ESSER III funds must make publicly available on their website, a plan for the Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services. Please list the link where the plan/template is posted on the LEA's website.

8. Insert the link below with directions on how to find your LEA's Safe Return to In-Person plan located on your LEA website (do not link directly to the PDF). The plan must be on the ADE template that will be downloaded from EMAC after completing your responses.*

<https://www.academyoftucson.com> On the main page, choose the "About" tab and the 22-23 Return to In-Person Learning Plan is linked.
On the right-hand side of the page, about half way down on the page there is a Documents Section which lists our safe return to in-person learning plan.

How the LEA will maintain the health and safety of students, educators, and other staff and the extent to which it has adopted policies, and a description of any such policies, on each of the following safety recommendations established by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

9. Has the LEA adopted a Governing Board policy on universal and correct wearing of masks?*

Yes

10. Please describe the LEA's Governing Board policy on universal and correct wearing of masks.*

Arizona law requires mask wearing to be optional. Recommendations from the CDC and PCHD recommend the wearing of masks indoors if you have been exposed to COVID or experiencing symptoms of illness. The Academy of Tucson will recommend optional masks. Students, staff and visitors on campuses can wear a mask.

11. Has the LEA adopted a Governing Board policy on modifying facilities to allow for physical distancing (e.g., use of cohorts/podding)?*

Yes

12. Please describe the LEA's Governing Board policy on modifying facilities to allow for physical distancing (e.g., use of cohorts/podding).*

K-5 Normal operations in classrooms, lunch will take place outside. 6-12 Normal operations including outside lunch.

13. Has the LEA adopted a Governing Board policy on handwashing and respiratory etiquette?*

Yes

14. Please describe the LEA's Governing Board policy on handwashing and respiratory etiquette.*

K-12 continue handwashing/sanitizing protocols. K-5 built into classroom procedures. The Academy of Tucson will continue to provide hand sanitizer in classrooms. Students and staff are encouraged to wash their hands or use hand sanitizer often, especially after coughing, sneezing or nose blowing.

15. Has the LEA adopted a Governing Board policy on cleaning and maintaining healthy facilities, including improving ventilation?*

Yes

16. Please describe the LEA's Governing Board policy on cleaning and maintaining healthy facilities, including improving ventilation.*

Academy of Tucson will continue to provide nightly deep cleaning. Continued use of HEPA filters in all classrooms and indoor common areas. All classrooms and office areas have PPE and cleaning supplies available. Continued HVAC routine service and filter changes will occur.

17. Has the LEA adopted a Governing Board policy on contact tracing in combination with isolation and quarantine, in collaboration with the State, local, territorial, or Tribal health departments?*

Yes

18. Please describe the LEA's Governing Board policy on contact tracing in combination with isolation and quarantine, in collaboration with the State, local, territorial, or Tribal health departments.*

Continued collaboration with the Pima County Health Department if required.

19. Has the LEA adopted a Governing Board policy on diagnostic and screening testing?*

Yes

20. Please describe the LEA's Governing Board policy on diagnostic and screening testing.*

Academy of Tucson schools will continue to collaborate with the Pima County Health Department to provide information on available sites when inquiries are made.

21. Has the LEA adopted a Governing Board policy on efforts to provide vaccinations to school communities?*

Yes

22. Please describe the LEA's Governing Board policy on efforts to provide vaccinations to school communities.*

Collaboration with Pima County Health Department and assistance to families who need to find locations.

23. Has the LEA adopted a Governing Board policy on appropriate accommodations for children with disabilities with respect to health and safety policies?*

Yes

24. Please describe the LEA's Governing Board policy on appropriate accommodations for children with disabilities with respect to health and safety policies.*

Accommodations provided to individuals with health risks as requested.

25. Has the LEA adopted a Governing Board policy on coordination with State and local health officials?*

Yes

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26. Please describe the LEA's Governing Board policy on coordination with State and local health officials.*

Continued coordination with Pima County Health Department and AZ Department of Health Services as needed.

Continuity of Services

Including but not limited to services to address students' academic needs and students' and staff social, emotional, mental health, and other needs, which may include student health and food services.

27. How will the LEA ensure Continuity of Services?*

Briefly describe an overview of the continuity of services and in the following questions you will provide more detailed information.

Academy of Tucson Schools will continue to ensure the continuity of services including, but not limited to, services to address students' academic needs and students' and staff social, emotional, mental health and other needs. We are committed to continued professional development and contracted services with organizations or individuals who specialize in social and emotional health.

28. How will the LEA ensure continuity of services for students' academic needs?*

Students will receive intervention at the classroom level and grade level.

29. How will the LEA ensure continuity of services for students' social, emotional, and mental health needs?*

Limited counseling services will be provided at each school site. A variety of clubs and activities will be available for students.

30. How will the LEA ensure continuity of services for students' other needs?*

This may include student health and food services.

Academy of Tucson schools will continue to subscribe to the National School Lunch/Breakfast Programs and assist families in filling out eligibility forms for qualified participants for the 2023-2024 school year.

31. How will the LEA ensure continuity of services for staff's social, emotional, and mental health needs?*

Academy of Tucson will continue to provide professional development to address the needs of staff according to the expressed needs.

32. How will the LEA ensure continuity of services for staff's other needs?*

Academy of Tucson will continue to assess the needs of staff through surveys, feedback and other communication.

The LEA must regularly, but no less frequently than every six months (taking into consideration the timing of significant changes to CDC guidance on reopening schools), review and, as appropriate, revise its plan for the safe return to in-person instruction and continuity of services through September 30, 2023

33. Describe the process used to seek public input, and how that input was taken into account in the revision of the plan.*

Public input was sought through public Board meetings and surveys. Any parent or community member could also directly contact school administration and express an opinion.

After completing all responses in EMAC, save your information. Then, use the red download button to create a copy of your completed form to be uploaded to your LEA website. Once your form is uploaded to your LEA website, log back into EMAC to click the blue submit button and submit your form to be reviewed by your specialist. Your EMAC submission will not be approved unless this updated form is on your LEA website.

34. Did you upload the completed EMAC form to your LEA website?*

Yes