

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



LEA Information

1. LEA Name (one LEA per form)*

Apache Junction Unified School District #43

2. Entity ID Number*

4443

3. CTDS Number*

110243

4. Plan's Primary Contact Name*

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

Revision Timeline: January 2022-June 2022, July 2022-December 2022, January 2023-June 2023, and July 2023-September 2023

7. What is your most recent revision date?*

11/20/2021

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 to the LEA's Safe Return to In-Person plan located on your LEA website. The plan must be on the ADE template that was provided. *

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.*

Mask use for AJUSD is not required , but is strongly recommended for all staff, students, and visitors while inside district buildings. Mask use is required while on district transportation for staff and students. Mask use is optional for outside activities.

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

No

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

Yes

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

Reinforced hand washing with soap and water for a minimum of 20 seconds whether staff or student. Including signs reminding and encouraging hand washing. When hand washing is not possible, including on the playground equipment, provide access to hand sanitizer to students that is safely stored with limited access to children. Reinforce to students appropriate covering when coughing or sneezing, including coughing or sneezing into the inner elbow joint to minimize spray of liquid droplets.

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

Yes

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

Teachers or maintenance staff will wipe desks with approved disinfectant. If a staff member or student is found to be positive then the rooms/facilities used by that person will be cleaned and disinfected by maintenance staff. Foggers will be used as available.

16. 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?*

No

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

No

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

No

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

No

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

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No

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.

21. 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.

Apache Junction Unified School District will ensure continuity of services by providing multiple, quality learning options to give families the opportunity to determine the safest learning environment for their students.

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

Apache Junction Unified School District will provide for the students' academic needs by providing the following:

- Summer learning opportunities
- Tutoring programs for students
- Implementation of new, research based curriculum in ELA and Math along with professional development for staff for effective implementation
- Protected PLC time for staff to plan and create effective lesson plans and include
- Implementation of data based instruction initiatives
- Extra-curricular buses to provide students the opportunity to participate in after school programs
- Move all students to individual devices to ensure access to 21st century educational opportunities and improve safety by eliminating sharing of devices
- Increased credit recovery options for students

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

All sites have been provided a research based Social Emotional Learning curriculum appropriate to each student level and have built in protected time to ensure the SEL curriculum can be taught.

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

This may include student health and food services.

The AJUSD Food Services is providing free breakfast and lunch to all AJUSD students at every site.

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

The district follows all FMLA regulations and ADA accommodations for staff. Most sites have been assigned a full time substitute to support teacher absences. District insurance provides EAP benefits as well as counseling services through United Healthcare.

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

This may include student health and food services.

N/A

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

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

Parent surveys were used to measure effectiveness of current practices and to inform decisions for the coming year planning. Additional parent surveys will be sent to improve continued plans for the coming year.

28. Did you make any revisions/changes to this plan from your last plan submission?*

Yes