



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

2. Entity ID Number*

4443

3. CTDS Number*

110243000

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. *

August 17, 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.*

Go to ajusd.org
Top right hand corner select Menu
Under Parent Resources- (4th item listed) 2023 Safe Return to School 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?*

No

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

No

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

Yes

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

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 EXHIBIT
 STAFF HEALTH AND SAFETY
 COMMUNICABLE DISEASES
 Proper handwashing requires the use of soap and water and vigorous washing under a stream of running water for approximately ten (10) seconds.

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

No

14. 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

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

No

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

No

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

No

18. 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.

19. 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 families.

20. 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 before and after school
 Intersession learning opportunities during Fall and Spring Break
 Implementation of new, research based curriculum in ELA and Math along with professional development for staff for effective implementation
 Implementation of data based instruction initiatives
 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

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

All sites have been provided with someone who provides social work under the guidance of a licensed social worker. The district has hired a Director of Student Wellness to implement new programs throughout the district to support student mental health.

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

This may include student health and food services.

AJUSD Food services provides food for students. Students can apply to qualify for the Free/Reduced meal program.

23. 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.

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

District insurance provides EAP benefits as well as counseling services through United Healthcare.

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

25. 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 provided to gauge feedback on current practices and learning options available to families. Surveys are given out and reviewed by the school district each Spring.

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.

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

Yes