

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



LEA Information

1. LEA Name (one LEA per form)*

Ball Charter Schools (Val Vista)

2. Entity ID Number*

90885

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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?*

June 3, 2022

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. *

https://static.showit.co/file/-M2nnPAkT42ezLd4IG9cBw/104968/val_vista_safe_return_to_in-person_instruction_plan.pdf

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

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Maricopa County Health Department recommendations.

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

Yes

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The COVID mitigation plan initially included cohorting, 6 feet of distance and other mitigation policies and is updated bi-annually.

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.*

Handwashing and Other Hygiene Measures:

- Our school teaches and reinforces proper handwashing technique, avoiding contact with one's eyes, nose, and mouth, and covering coughs and sneezes is recommended.
- When using shared materials (ie. Computers, athletic balls, etc.), staff will routinely remind students to not touch their face to prevent the transmission of infectious diseases.
- Signage is posted in high visibility areas to remind students and staff of proper techniques for handwashing and covering of coughs and sneezes and other prevention measures.
- Our school ensures adequate supplies for teachers and staff to support healthy hygiene behaviors, including soap, tissues, no touch trash cans, face coverings and hands-free hand sanitizing stations.
- Sharing student supplies and equipment is not a preferred practice; items which must be shared will be cleaned and disinfected between uses.
- The school has minimized the contact with high touch surfaces (e.g., doors, sinks, restroom areas).
- Assigned seating in classrooms will be implemented to assist with student identification.
- Where possible, social distancing will be maintained in open areas, such as hallways, stairwells, gyms, playgrounds

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.*

Cleaning and Maintenance:

- Rooms will be cleaned regularly including teacher and student desks, chairs, doorknobs and all high contact surfaces; disinfecting all surfaces in each classroom daily will promote good health practices.
- Air quality has been enhanced through the use of enhanced air-filters and will change as scheduled.
- Bipolar ionization units have been placed in our air ducts to sanitize air moving through our HVAC system.

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.*

Ball Charter Schools will follow the most recent guidance from the Maricopa County Department of Health (MCDH) regarding isolation. Each case is unique, and Ball Charter Schools remains committed to partnering with the local health authorities to limit transmission on campus.

Notify Health Officials and Close Contacts:

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- In accordance with state and local laws and regulations, Ball Charter Schools will notify local health officials, staff, and impacted families of any case of COVID-19 on campus while maintaining confidentiality in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).
- Additionally, Ball Charter Schools will inform those who have had close contact with a person diagnosed with COVID-19 and inform them of the most recent guidance provided by the MCDH with regard to isolation.
- The health professional will follow established screening protocols and will consult with public health officials to determine how best to handle students and staff who display or develop COVID-19 symptoms.
- An Isolation area has been set up for students or staff who may be sick.

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.*

Health Screenings:

- Consistent with existing Executive Orders, the use of face coverings remain optional and those who choose to wear one, may do so. Please note that individual choices will be fully respected.
- In the event a staff member or student has symptoms the staff or student member will be sent home and CDC guidance will be followed.
- Students must stay home if they feel ill or are exhibiting symptoms of respiratory infection.
- Parents and guardians must assess their child's health daily prior to heading to school.
- At the beginning of each day as students enter the classroom; teachers will informally screen students for respiratory symptoms.
- Students will be reminded of proper hygiene, including avoiding touching the eyes, nose, and mouth and covering the mouth when coughing. Students are asked to cover the nose when sneezing and safely discarding tissues in the covered trash can within each classroom

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.*

Communicated to school staff availability of vaccines and 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.*

Reasonable accommodations, modifications and assistance will be made for individuals with disabilities and other health care needs when implementing safety protocols on an individual, "as-needed" basis.

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

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Yes

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

Sites regularly check with the Maricopa County Health Department and the state to update protocols and report any known cases.

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.

Val Vista Academy will implement summer school, Before and after school workshops to address learning losses and Zones of Regulations to meet social emotional needs as well as Behavior Analyst to assist with strategies to deal with student behaviors.

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

Summer School and Before and After school workshops for students identified. An Instructional Time Model has been submitted for students in quarantine due to close contact and daily academic work, learning plans and teacher contact are made available during this time.

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

A behavior Analyst has been hired to train teachers and conduct behavioral assessments when necessary. Zones of Regulation, an evidence-based program, will be implemented school wide.

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

This may include student health and food services.

PPE and rapid tests made available to staff and students.

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

Preservice for the FY23 school year and future preservice and ongoing professional development will include development/assistance for staffs' social/emotional and mental health needs. An employee assistance program has been implemented to include in person coaching to staff during the school day.

32. 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

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

Monthly board meetings include a standing agenda item for COVID issues and parents are invited to speak during public comment.

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

Yes