

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



LEA Information

1. LEA Name (one LEA per form)*

Benchmark School

2. Entity ID Number*

10972

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

7. When did your LEA last review or revise your plan within the last six months? Please provide mm/dd/yyyy.*

10/11/2022

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 with directions on how to find the LEA's Safe Return to In-Person plan located on the website (do not link directly to the PDF). The plan must be on the ADE template that was provided. The narrative verbiage on the template must be identical to the narrative verbiage provided on this online form. *

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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.*

Optional

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).*

The spacing in between desks and seating will be increased as much as the classroom space allows.

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.*

Signs/gentle verbal reminders

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.*

Surface cleaning and disinfectant procedures and air purifiers.

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.*

Optional quarantine for positive case in grade level.

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.*

At home screening.

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

No

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

Yes

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

Optional mask wearing and at home schoolwork provided for optional quarantine.

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

Yes

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

Contact MCDH for guidance when 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.

26. 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.

Benchmark will continue academic needs with benchmark testing and special education evaluations. Emotional, mental, and social health assistance will continue to be provided by special education services. Benchmark hired a counselor to service students that will continue into the 2022-2023 school year.

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

Work packets for optional quarantine.

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

Counselor sessions for students.

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

This may include student health and food services.

No school lunch program available.

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

Individual administration and team check-ins.

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

No.

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

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

The Governing Board Meetings have "Call to Public" on the agenda, where the public can speak/provide input.

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

Yes