



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

LEA Information

1. LEA Name (one LEA per form)*

Desert Star Academy

2. Entity ID Number*

92302

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. *

08/01/2023

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.desertstaracademy.org/>

Click on families.

Click on Safe>Returns to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services 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.*

All scholars will have access to wear a mask (covering the mouth and nose) when social distancing cannot be achieved if they choose.

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).*

All classrooms will re-arrange desks to allow social distancing.

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.*

All scholars will practice hand washing and sanitizing periodically through the school day. DSA has purchased hand sanitizing stations for each classroom and office area.

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.*

DSA hired extra cleaning staff to thoroughly clean all classrooms and the school.

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.*

DSA will follow all health policies provided by Mohave County Dept of Public Health. Health Dept will be called, and all cases will be reported to the Dept. Classroom families will be notified of positive cases as they occur.

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.*

Diagnostic testing is referred to local sites. Temperature screenings are taken when scholar present symptoms.

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.*

A personal laptop can be checked out for a scholar to work from home if they chose due to Covid. Created social distancing within the classroom.

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

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☒ Yes

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

DSA has a special liaison at Mohave County Health Dept for questions, reporting, and training.

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.

Desert Star Academy will ensure procedures that will continue services. DSA will follow the CDC, Federal, State and AZ Charter Boards guidelines to continually support our staff and scholars. We will strive to continually address the health and safety of our staff and scholars.

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

Academic testing 3 times a year. Data review by administration and teaching staff. Education plans to provide support services to scholars in need.

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

Simple K12 webinar access to all teachers to train in social, emotional, and mental health needs. Counselors has been hired.

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

This may include student health and food services.

Desert Star Academy has hired multiple aides for small group intervention to close the learning gap.

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

DSA allows staff personal days for mental health. Training to identify and support scholars with social and emotional needs. Simple K12

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

DSA has provided staff with training on how to support scholars to fill the gaps from the time out of school by using Simple K12.

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 stakeholders meet in early August to review the plan and make changes.

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.

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

☒ Yes