



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

LEA Information

1. LEA Name (one LEA per form)*

Discovery Plus Academy

2. Entity ID Number*

6357

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. *

08/14/2023

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.*

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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.*

Per legislative action by the State of Arizona students and staff will not be required to wear face coverings. However, it is a personal choice.
All staff and students are encouraged to follow CDC guidelines when social distancing cannot take place. Masks are provided and available in the school office as long as supplies are available.

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).*

We are no longer using physical distancing in our classrooms; however, we are still having only one class at a time in the cafeteria for lunch instead of two.

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 times are still built into daily schedules before eating times and after recess breaks. Hand sanitizer is available in classrooms. Every student K-5 participates in a handwashing education program presented by Graham County.

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.*

Facilities are cleaned and disinfected on a daily basis when school is in session. High touch surfaces are cleaned throughout the day by students and staff. Some classrooms have air purifiers installed. All rooms have access to open window and door ventilation when appropriate. HVAC filters are checked and changed out monthly. All staff have adequate PPE equipment and have been trained how to effectively use the equipment if necessary.

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.*

Isolation cubicles have been established on campus for individuals who may be positive with COVID-19 and we continue to work with local and state health departments as needed.

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

No

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

No

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

Yes

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

All student with disabilities receives accommodations specific to their health and safety policies.

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

No

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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.

24. 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.

Discovery Plus Academy will continue to ensure continuity by returning to in person learning for the 2023-2024 school year. If operations should halt due to illness, the LEA is prepared to offer services to families that best support their lifestyle of online or paper packets.

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

Full time staff and paraprofessionals are available throughout the day to help students before or after school if needed. Every student has access to an online remediation program that can be done at school or at home. Our resource department is also working with students who show loss of learning through district assessments.

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

We work closely with local county programs that provide students with free counselling sessions with licensed therapist. We have also contracted with a licensed therapist to provide on-site counseling services since December of 2022. We provide an emotional room for students who feel like they need a break or a time out to decompress if needed.

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

This may include student health and food services.

LEA will provide breakfast and lunch each day for students.

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

Administration meets with staff on a monthly basis to discuss needs. Needs are addressed as needed.

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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

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

All enrolled students and parents have copies of the mitigation plan upon enrolling at the LEA. Board notices are posted monthly at local facilities that are frequented often by the public and on the LEA website. Parents have been given surveys in order to obtain input and have attended board meetings.

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.

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

Yes