



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

LEA Information

1. LEA Name (one LEA per form)*

Excalibur Charter Schools, Inc.

2. Entity ID Number*

79214

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. *

7.1.2023

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://excaliburschools.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/07/Safe-Return-to-In-Person-Plan-EMAC-8.1.22.docx.htm>

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.*

Face Coverings are recommended but not required for students or staff

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

No

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

Yes

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

Instruction on proper hand washing, hand sanitizing, and coughing/sneezing etiquette.

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

Yes

15. Please describe the LEA's Governing Board policy on cleaning and maintaining healthy facilities, including improving ventilation.*

Hand sanitizer is provided in all classrooms and office spaces. High-touch surfaces are sanitized daily. Daily enhanced cleaning and increased HVAC filter changes. Water fountains have been turned off and a filling station has been placed in the hallways so that only teachers are permitted to fill student's water bottles after hand sanitizing.

16. 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

17. 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.*

School Health Aides coordinate and communicate with affected families and staff. All staff and students are required to stay home if symptomatic. Parents and staff are encouraged to screen daily for symptoms. All persons testing positive are required to quarantine for 10 calendar days and be symptom-free for 24 hours before returning.

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

Yes

19. Please describe the LEA's Governing Board policy on diagnostic and screening testing.*

Symptom screening-School has provided parents Covid test kits.

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

Yes

21. Please describe the LEA's Governing Board policy on efforts to provide vaccinations to school communities.*

Provide information to staff and families about vaccination locations upon request.

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.*

Accommodations will be included in student IEP's/504 plans with regard to health and safety if appropriate. Excalibur provides a day-long professional develop on IEPs and 504 plans from John Comegno as a Special Education attorney.

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.*

The administration tracks and reviews policies put forward by the local and state health departments.

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.

Excalibur purchased laptops to have a 1 to 1 ratio of computers to students if quarantine and online instruction were necessary to facilitate a student's learning. The use of Google Classroom was implanted for all students to have access to the curriculum and teacher and to provide a pathway for assessing students learning in the event that in-person instruction was not possible. To support our special needs population, we allowed our Sped team to meet with students on a one-on-one basis with social distancing and masking throughout the pandemic. Once back at school, we keep group sizes within the special education environment small so as to not crowd the classroom. We also implemented Accellus curriculum as our online platform for students during the pandemic and keep access for students once back on campus for those who needed additional help.

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

Provide in-person instruction with an online option for those who would need to quarantine. During the day we have increased reteach and enrichment times as well as provided 40 minutes per day on RTI. Excalibur has hired additional support staff (para pros) for the primary grades. Increase the use of technology in the classroom via one-on-one computers in the classroom. These devices will be utilized in the event of a mandated school closure. Curriculum resources are accessible digitally and instruction would be provided via Zoom or Google Meet as well as Google Classroom.

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

Provide information to families for mental health and counseling resources. Excalibur has hired a full-time school counselor to work with the students during the school day as well as hold Social Emotional Support classes a couple of times a week.

Excalibur has also started having therapy dogs in the school several times per week.

Excalibur has become a member and is going through training with American School Counselors Association.

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

This may include student health and food services.

Breakfast in the classrooms as well as play first then eat for lunches.

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

Team Building and social opportunities monthly, hiring of additional instructional staff. The school has hired an FT school counselor.

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

Paid time off for COVID-19-related absences in addition to staff personal PTO. Excalibur pays for 100% of employees' health insurance.

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.*

Excalibur did not seek public input to develop this plan.

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