



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

### LEA Information

**1. LEA Name (one LEA per form)\***

Fort Thomas Unified School District #7

**2. Entity ID Number\***

4221

**3. CTDS Number\***

05-02-07-000

**4. Plan's Primary Contact Name\***

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**5. Plan's Primary Contact Email Address\***

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**6. Plan's Primary Contact Phone Number\***

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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. \***

August 10, 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.ftusd.org/page/safe-return-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.\***

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Explains proper use and the requirement to wear a cloth face covering will only be in effect dependent on executive order, or Arizona Revised Statute, or it is recommended by additional legal direction specific to schools.

As of March 10, 2022, masks are optional and no longer required on any Fort Thomas School Campus

**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?\***

☐ No

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

☐ No

**14. 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?\***

☐ No

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

☐ No

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

☐ No

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

☒ Yes

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

FTUSD has followed the Executive Orders regarding preschools being open and providing in-person learning for special needs children.

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

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☒ Yes

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

FTUSD has followed all mask mandates and social distancing requirements for public events per county and tribal requirements. We have collaborated with our local health departments' recommendations (Graham County and San Carlos Apache Tribe).

## 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.

### 21. 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.

FTUSD has been full in-person since August 4, 2021 and we plan to stay in-person unless forced by state or local health departments. FTUSD operates in Graham County as we choose to operate within the state and health guidelines and to consider San Carlos Apache Tribe health guidelines. When students have been in quarantine, we have provided them with resources such as Chromebook or paper/pencil work to be completed at home. Our teachers are prepared to offer online support for students that are required to be at home as well as offer in-person instruction.

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

All schools are required to ensure teachers maintain a Google Classroom site where all assignments are posted and available for students whether they are in-person or at home. Any student remaining at home for COVID related reasons such as a positive test, has the ability to engage with course work and complete assignments on time and pace. Virtual meetings are made available for students through Google Meets for in-classroom engagement or follow-up tutoring support.

FTUSD offers after-school remediation to support all students' learning needs.

FTUSD plans to incorporate summer school for Summer 2023 for students K – 12 and are planning on subsequent summer school years.

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

We have increased staffing to include 2 social emotional counselors/social workers to support all students K – 12 and families.

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

This may include student health and food services.

Our food services provided meals during the summer – breakfast and lunch for all children 18 years and younger.

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

We were able to provide staff with a stipend for continued employment for this school year.

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

NA

**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**

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

District plans have been sent out to parents through district website and email information. Plans are reviewed by the Governing Board.

Parents are invited to comment through board meetings and direct contact to Federal Programs Director.

FTUSD has also sent out a survey to all parents and community members to seek input on the ESSER III plan. In addition, plans have been discussed in Indian Education Committee Meetings, which have been in-persona and virtual.



**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.**

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

☒ Yes