



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

LEA Information

1. LEA Name (one LEA per form)*

Gila Bend Unified School District

2. Entity ID Number*

4238

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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. *

8/25/2023

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.gbusd.org/documents/home-page-info/297194>
<https://www.gbusd.org/article/901844>

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?*

No

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

No

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

No

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

No

13. 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

14. 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.*

The GBUSD COVID Response Team will collaborate with Maricopa County Department of Public Health (MCDPH), reference CDC guidelines if and when cases occur, and abide by the latest requirements and/or recommendations set forth by the aforementioned departments regarding isolation and contact tracing, when applicable.

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?*

Yes

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

The district will have on-site clinics available throughout the year for parents and students. Community members will have the opportunity to update vaccines including COVID vaccines, if available. Such events will be communicated via social media, on our website, and/or flyers.

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

Yes

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

The district will provide accommodations based on student needs as indicated on IEPs, 504s or IFS Plans to ensure equal access to in-person learning.

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

Yes

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

The district will follow the most up-to-date guidelines pertaining to exposure to COVID-19.

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.

22. 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.

For the 2023-2024 school year, all school sites are open for 100 % in-person instruction to ensure continuity of services. The district will monitor the COVID-19 County Check levels and follow prevention steps recommended by the CDC.

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

Our schools are now operating at 100% in-person learning. We have developed our master schedules with designated times for tier II instruction in grades K-8. Students in K-8 will also have the opportunity to attend intervention classes three times a week in the mornings, after school interventions or enrichment four times a week, and summer school. Our 9-12 grade students will also be offered after school intervention time along with mandatory Monday school for students with credit deficiencies.

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

Our continuing staff has been provided with training which addressed topics to help them be well rounded with respect to learning experiences that support the social emotional growth of students. Throughout the 2023-2024 school year, our staff will receive additional professional development in topics to support their ability to provide our students support. The district also has an agreement with a counselor who is on site and works with students who have been identified as needing extra support through a specific process that is completed.

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

This may include student health and food services.

All GBUSD students are eligible to receive meals free of cost. Students may also receive snacks through the Afterschool Snack Program.

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

The health and wellness of our staff will be supported through the availability sessions provided by the Behavioral Health Employee Assistance Program at no cost to them. The Employee Assistance Plan (EAP) is a professional service which provides confidential assessment, referral, and short-term counseling services to employees for behavioral health issues. Our district also participates in the ASBAIT Wellness Program which provide staff members with weekly information on self care.

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

Staff members are eligible to use their PTO for COVID related absences as well as other health needs.

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

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

Team members conduct research to remain informed about the latest updates regarding COVID-19 by visiting the CDC website, monitoring the COVID-19 by County Check for awareness in prevention, visiting the Maricopa County Department of Public Health website, viewing Maricopa County Community Partners webinars on public health topics, and listening to our stakeholders who will communicate concerns to GBUSD employees using various means of communication. If we experience rising concerns we will collect further data via survey to inform updates and changes to our 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.

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

Yes