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

LEA Information

1. LEA Name (one LEA per form)*

Hirsch Academy - A Challenge Foundation Academy

2. Entity ID Number*

91275

3. CTDS Number*

078204000

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. *

07/31/2023

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://hirsch.cfacademy.school/about/mitigation-letter/

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.*

> Hirsch Academy Face Covering Policy: The guidance is for infection control personal protective equipment (PPE) recommendations
> aligned with the goals and strategies to respond to the community spread of the Covid-19 virus. "Face covering" refers to a well- fitting reusable or disposable face covering that fully covers the nose and mouth. CDC does not recommend use of face shields for normal everyday activities or as a substitute for cloth face coverings. Hirsch Academy's campus will operate as mask optional as of 04/11/2022. All persons on Hirsch Academy's campus are welcomed to wear a mask but mask usage is not enforced in the exterior or interior of the campus.

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).*

> Classrooms will be set up to promote
> social distancing.
> ● Students are seated at tables or desks
> to maximize distance between students
> ● Each classroom will be provided with PPE
> and cleaning and sanitizing materials to
> facilitate regular surface cleaning on desks,
> tables and common areas
> ● Students will not share classroom supplies like
> scissors, pencils, crayons, books, etc. All
> students have been provided individual
> supplies. ● When possible, classrooms will be
> set up to reflect same direction seating
> arrangements or multi directional seating with
> sneeze guards based on the recommendations of
> each classroom teacher.

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.*

Classroom Handwashing Mitigation: Classrooms with a sink will participate in
frequent hand washing throughout the day.
Classrooms without a sink will participate in
frequent sanitizing throughout the day.
Classrooms are taken to sanitize their hands
before going to the playground and cafeteria.

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.*

Enhanced Cleaning and Sanitizing: All high traffic areas to include the office areas
and restrooms will be sanitized frequently
throughout the day.
● Student restrooms will be sanitized hourly to
include all entry point handles, faucets, urinal
and toilet flush valves, hand dryer and paper
towel dispenser.
● Each class will wash their hands or use hand
sanitizer before and after using the playground.
● Classroom high touch points and students
desks will be sanitized throughout the day.

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.*

Any student within 6 feet of person testing positive is notified and isolated for 2-3 days
prior to testing. Positive cases quarantine for 10
days or until a negative test.

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.*

We supply BiNax Now to anyone who requests one for as long as we continue to have them on hand.

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

☑ Yes

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

> We provide information to families about where they can receive free vaccinations.

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

☑ Yes

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

> Enhanced cleaning for those who put their hands in their mouth and physical distancing for those who refuse or unable to wear mask.

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

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☑ Yes

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

> We follow all guidelines.

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.

27. 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.

Hirsch will continue to provide top tier academic services and all students services including health and food and social wellbeing in the event of a government shutdown or a community spread level that forces the school out of the building.

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

Hirsch Academy will equip all families with a chromebook (one per family) to participate in daily zoom sessions with teachers.
For families without internet service, Hirsch will also have
weekly work packets available for either pickup or drop off.
Hirsch's teachers and assistant staff will host hourly zoom
tutoring sessions throughout the day for students that need
additional support. All students needing specialized
programs will also receive them either virtual or in a one on one
setting.

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

For any Social, Emotional and Mental Health Needs Hirsch Academy has a dedicated counselor that is available for one on one meetings, virtual meetings, virtual play groups, and house visits.

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

This may include student health and food services.

Hirsch Academy will provide weekly bag meal service, either pick health and food services) up or delivery, to all students in the event of a shutdown.

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

Social, Emotional and Mental Health Needs Hirsch Academy remains committed to the support of our staffs social, emotional and mental health needs. In addition to a dedicated
counselor, Hirsch provides it's staff with all the latest information
from our health insurance providers including ways to contact health
professionals when in need.

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

Hirsch Academy will continue to offer staff meals, trips to the local food banks and extra PPE in the event of a shutdown.

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

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

Hirsch Academy used community (student, staff and stakeholders) surveys and then presented the results of the survey to the governing board to adopt policies and procedures.

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.

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

☑ Yes