



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

LEA Information

1. LEA Name (one LEA per form)*

Somerset Academy of Arizona

2. Entity ID Number*

1000160

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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. *

05/18/2023

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.somersetskyway.org/apps/pages/index.jsp?uREC_ID=404447&type=d&termREC_ID=&pREC_ID=1054819

1. From this link, scroll down to the bottom of the list, "Safe Return to In Person Instruction"
2. Choose the most current PDF file.

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.*

Masks will continue to be optional but are encouraged for individuals who have been exposed to infected individuals during times of substantial or high transmission, per the CDC and Arizona Department of Health Services. You can view the transmission rates in our community on the Maricopa County Department of Public Health dashboard (MCDPH) for schools. Despite these recommendations, under Arizona State law (A.R.S. § 15-342.05), Somerset Academy Skyway cannot require face coverings for students or staff inside our school and district buildings.

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

Yes

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Modifying Facilities to allow for Physical Distancing
Staff members continue to educate and encourage students to practice good rules of hygiene and distancing in school facilities.

Playgrounds

Physical education and recess are a vital part of the school day. Teachers promote hand washing before and after outdoor activities, along with before and after meals. continues to be a vital part of a student's school day. The school will adhere to recommendations for sanitizing as updated by the CDC.

Cafeterias and Other Food Service Areas

There are several areas in the school facility where food may be consumed: cafeteria, classrooms, outdoor tables, etc. During times of consumption of food, students are reminded to maintain social distancing when at all possible. Sharing of food items is discouraged. Consumption of food in the classrooms is kept to a minimum and only as a last resort. Students with food allergies are provided accommodations during times of food service, which includes relocating the student to another area to keep the child away from the allergic trigger.

Bathrooms

The number of students allowed to go into the bathroom facilities at a time is limited. Students are reminded to maintain good hygiene, washing their hands with soap and water each time.

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.*

Students are reminded by their teachers about proper handwashing techniques and respiratory etiquette. The school restrooms and classrooms contain sufficient supplies, including hand soap and paper towels in the restrooms, and tissues, hand sanitizer and wipes in the classrooms, accessible by all staff and students. Students and staff are reminded and encouraged to wash their hands with soap and water, or use hand sanitizer:

- use hand sanitizer upon arrival at school,
- wash hands with soap and water or use hand sanitizer or wipes upon returning from outside activities,
- before and after lunch wash hands with soap and water or use hand sanitizer or wipes,
- always cough into the forearm,
- use tissue when sneezing, coughing, or blowing nose,
- wash hands with soap and water or use hand sanitizer after sneezing, coughing, or blowing nose.

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.***

The school janitors clean the school facility on a daily basis. Great care and attention is provided to ensure that the effective processes are in place for adequately sanitizing and cleaning the school facility. It is the function of the janitor to clean daily all frequently touched surfaces throughout the building, such as door handles, sink handles, drinking fountains, desks, etc. Additionally, all staff have secure access to cleaner that can be used as needed.

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.***

Contact tracing, isolation and quarantine requirements of the Maricopa County Department of Public Health will be consulted and adhered to.

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.***

The school recommends anyone exhibiting symptoms of Covid-19 as outlined on the Maricopa County Department of Public Health be tested for Covid-19. Students should not come to school if they are sick or experiencing symptoms of illness.

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.***

Families are encouraged to consult with the family physician, medical professionals or the Maricopa County Department of Public Health for information on vaccinations for school communities. It is the parents right to determine what is the best choice for their family. The school does not require students or staff to be vaccinated.

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.*

The school administrator will coordinate with the SPED and 504 liaison to ensure the needs of special education students and students with special needs are being met.

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.*

The Principal and Office Manager will coordinate with local and state agencies in the event there is a rise in COVID-19 cases. The school will follow guidance of the Maricopa County Department of Public Health.

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.

Somerset is open for in person learning to support our students' educational needs.

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

Classroom teachers and interventionists provide Tier II and III students with academic support using response to intervention techniques and strategies. Tutoring after school and targeted interventions are also provided to students based on results from iReady and state assessments.

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

The social emotional needs of students are monitored by classroom teachers who reach out to administration to assist with supporting any student in need.

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

This may include student health and food services.

The school has an area to isolate students who are not feeling well while they wait for their parents to pick them up. The area is appropriately sanitized after each use.

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

The school provides staff with access to the Employee Assistance Program (EAP). Employees in need reach out to the EAP which confidentially provides guidance and support to staff through private consultations.

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

N/A

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.*

The Safe Return Plan is posted to the schools website. Parents are notified of its existence. There is a comment form for parents to provide feedback to the school.

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