

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



LEA Information

1. LEA Name (one LEA per form)*

Sonoita Elementary School District #25

2. Entity ID Number*

4461

3. CTDS Number*

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Please submit your Return to In-Person Learning Plan every six months from your first submission date.

Revision Timeline: January 2022-June 2022, July 2022-December 2022, January 2023-June 2023, and July 2023-September 2023

7. What is your most recent revision date?*

June 2022

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 to the LEA's Safe Return to In-Person plan located on your LEA website. The plan must be on the ADE template that was provided. *

https://www.elgink12.com/accnt_753370/site_753371/Documents/Safe-Return-to-In-Person-Instruction.pdf

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 are now optional for staff and students. Parents report their preference for their children and staff reinforce the parents' preferences while students are on campus. All staff have been instructed on the correct wearing of masks and staff reinforce this with students, as needed.

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).*

As per CDC recommendations we provided social distancing of three feet, during the 2021-22 school year, as much as was practicable during the school day. We will re-evaluate the need for social distancing prior to the start of the 2022-23 school year and will make adjustments based on available zip code data.

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 taught proper handwashing techniques and respiratory etiquette. These practices are reinforced through direct instruction and with written instructions posted on campus.

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.*

Stationary windows have been replaced with sliders to allow for ventilation in our middle school classrooms. Vent windows are left open during the school day in elementary classrooms to allow for the circulation of fresh air through the H-VAC system. In the gym and multi-purpose rooms doors are propped open when not in use, to allow for circulation of fresh air in these areas.

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.*

Students, staff and visitors are prohibited from entering campus if they are exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19. If there are significant symptoms, students and staff are required to either test negative for COVID-19 or quarantine for ten days before being allowed to return to campus. If a staff member or student tests positive, school staff will follow the recommendations of the Santa Cruz County Health Department re: contract tracing, as well as testing and/or quarantine of close contacts.

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.*

Information re: diagnostic and screening tests are made available to our families, staff, and the community, as information is received from the Santa Cruz County Health Department.

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.*

Information re: the availability of vaccinations is made available to our families, staff and the community as information is received from the Santa Cruz County Health Department. The School Nurse is available to provide guidance to staff and families re: the availability of vaccines.

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.*

Appropriate accommodations are made for students with disabilities, including a) the use of face shields, as opposed to masks, for those who are unable to remove the mask independently, b) assistance with proper handwashing, and c) respiratory etiquette.

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.*

Sonoita Elementary School District works very closely with the Santa Cruz County Health Department to prevent the spread of COVID-19 on campus. District leadership and the School Nurse regularly reference the information posted on the the Arizona Department of Health and the Arizona Department of Education websites. This information is used for decision making at the district/school level.

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.

Throughout the 2021-22 school year, we were able to provide face-to-face instruction on a traditional schedule for our students. While we anticipate being able to continue face-to-face instruction during the 2022-23 school year, we are prepared to provide instruction through distance learning, if needed. We are one-to-one with iPad or Laptops and are participating in the Final Mile Project, which when complete will ensure that are students are able to access the internet remotely.

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

We are planning to provide face-to-face instruction for all of our students during the 2022-23 school year but are prepared to shift to distance learning if mandated by the State of Arizona. Students participate in NWEA-Map testing three times / year. Data from these assessments is used to guide instruction and plan summer programming designed to address specific learning gaps for each individual student.

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

During the 2021-22 school year, a representative of Sonoita Elementary School District attended School Safety Team meetings facilitated by the Santa Cruz County Superintendent's Office. The goal of the County School Safety Team is to enhance existing programs and create new programs to address the social, emotional, and mental health needs of our staff and students. A Social and Emotional Learning team has been established in the district. This committee will make recommendations and implement SEL training for our staff and students.

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

This may include student health and food services.

During periods of school closure due to governmental mandates, the district continued to provide meals for student in need. Free breakfast and lunch were provided for all students during the 2021-22 school year. However, funding for this program is not anticipated for the 2022-23 school year.

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

An Social and Emotional Learning (SEL) committee has been established and is charged with addressing the SEL needs of staff and students.

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

This may include student health and food services.

During the 2020-21 school year, paid leave was extended for staff who developed symptoms or tested positive for COVID-19. This practice was discontinued when vaccines became readily available.

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 initial mitigation plan was drafted by the Principal / Superintendent and the School Nurse. It was based on guidance from the CDC and the Arizona Department of Health, in consultation with the Santa Cruz County Health Department. The plan was approved by the Sonoita Elementary School District Governing Board. As CDC and ADH guidance changes, changes are made to the mitigation plan with consideration given to input received from stakeholders.

34. Did you make any revisions/changes to this plan from your last plan submission?*

Yes