



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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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. *

September 1, 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.*

Our website is www.elgink12.com - From the home page, go to Helpful Resources - Click on COVID-19 Info - then on the right side of the page, find the Safe Return to Public Instruction.

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, students, and campus visitors. Parents report their preferences for their children and staff reinforce those preferences while students are on campus. All staff and students have been instructed on the correct wearing of masks.

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).*

We are no longer requiring social distancing during the school day.

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 hand washing techniques and respiratory etiquette. These practices are reinforced through direct instruction, as well as instructions posted throughout 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.*

Sliding windows were installed in the middle school classrooms, so that we can now have windows open in all classrooms when the classrooms are occupied. This ensures that fresh air is always circulating through the H-VAC system.

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.*

Whenever a student or staff member tests positive for COVID-19, staff are interviewed to determine if anyone was in close-contact with that person. Close contact is defined as closer than 6 feet for more than 15 minutes. The positive case, as well as the close contacts are reported to the Santa Cruz County Health Department. The positive case, as well as the close contacts are required to quarantine, as indicated by the Health Department.

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. Our school nurse assists parents to determine if COVID testing is warranted. If so, the family is referred to their healthcare provider.

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: obtaining 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.*

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 their mask independently, b) assistance with proper hand washing and c) respiratory etiquette.

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

☒ Yes

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

We have a very positive relationship with the Santa Cruz County Health Department and will continue to attend meetings and distribute information as requested.

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.

During the 2020-21 school year, campus was closed for two weeks at the start of the school year and for two weeks after the scheduled winter break. During those four weeks, instruction was provided through distance learning and onsite support was provided, as requested by parents. The remainder of the school year, parents were given the option of having students attend school on campus or continue with distance learning. Other than the four weeks of distance learning during the 2020-21 school year, our campus has been open for in-person instruction. We have been providing in-person instruction, without interruption since January of 2021.

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

We have provided in-person instruction for our students continuously since January of 2021. However, if there is another mandated school closure, we are prepared to deliver instruction via distance learning. All Sonoita Elementary School District students have a school issued device and we are participating in the Final Mile Project to ensure that our families have access to the internet for instructional purposes.

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

We have the following resources in place to meet the Social, Emotional and Mental Health Needs of our students; a) part-time school counselor, b) SEL Coordinator and c) part-time wellness coordinator through the Santa Cruz County Superintendents' Office.

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

This may include student health and food services.

We were able to hire a full-time school nurse for the 2022-23 school year, through a grant from the Arizona Department of Education. The purpose of the grant is to increase nursing services in rural and remote areas of the State.

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

The Employee Assistance Program, EAP, is available to all members of our staff. In addition, the HR Director makes referrals to outside resources as needed. Members of our SEL Committee also provide referrals and resources for staff. The district Wellness Coordinator sends a weekly "Wellness Wednesday" email to support the social, emotional, and mental health needs of our staff. Our District Crisis Team has developed a Crisis Handbook, with procedures for responding to the social, emotional, and mental health needs of our staff in the event of a crisis.

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

Our full-time school nurse is available to respond to the emergency medical needs of our staff and to consult with staff re: non-emergency 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

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 plan was drafted by the Superintendent and School Nurse, based on guidance from the CDC and the Arizona Department of Health and in consultation with the Santa Cruz County Health Department. This plan was approved by the Sonoita Elementary School District Governing Board. As CDC and ADH guidance changes, the parents are surveyed, and changes are made based on input received.

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