



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

LEA Information

1. LEA Name (one LEA per form)*

StrengthBuilding Partners

2. Entity ID Number*

91992

3. CTDS Number*

108227000

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. *

08/29/2023

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.*

www.laspuertascommunityschool.org
scroll down and click link for "Las Puertas safe return for in-person instruction plan" on left side of page.

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.*

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Section 12, title 15, chapter 3 of the Arizona budget states: Notwithstanding any other law or order, a county, city, town, school district governing board or charter school governing body may not require the use of face coverings by students or staff during school hours and on school property; and a school district or charter school may not require a student or teacher to receive a vaccine for COVID-19 or to wear a face covering to participate in in-person instruction.

Las Puertas will continue to not require face coverings for the 2023-2024 school year. This policy is subject to change based on changing health conditions. We still believe at Las Puertas that the best defense against the spread of any contagious disease is to wash hands regularly, regular cleaning and disinfecting of high use areas and the use of face coverings. If you have any questions please contact the school at 520-546-9296.

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

☐ No

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

☐ No

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

☐ No

14. 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?*

☐ No

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?*

☐ No

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

☐ No

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

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☐ No

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.

19. 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.

To ensure continuity of services, school administration will monitor all programs. Regular communication with staff, students and families will be maintained to receive feedback and input through personal communication and surveys regarding any perceived needs. Host meetings with Governing Board and members of our community to review and determine any accommodations the school may need to offer in response to received input. The LEA will also use the additional funding provided through the ESSER grants in preparation and implementation of the upcoming school years to ensure safe and healthy initiatives in all areas of academic, social, emotional, mental health and other needs in response to the pandemic.

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

The pandemic created a situation in which students need additional support and resources in order to achieve academic goals established by the State Standards. This may include but is not limited to additional curriculum resources, tutoring, additional instructional support using innovative and creative methods. Purchased technology is used to support and prepare our students as they work to achieve and exceed grade level expectations. There is also an increased need for a Learning Center to assist students who have been adversely effected by the pandemic. It also provides teachers and tutors additional resources to offer students. It is an alternative learning environment for students and teachers to find different and creative ways to achieve and grow after the academic losses resulting from the pandemic.
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21. How will the LEA ensure continuity of services for students' social, emotional, and mental health needs?*

Planning support and services to respond to the social, emotional and mental health needs that became evident and powerful for our students during the pandemic began during the SY 20-21. Our Licensed Certified Social Worker (LCSW) is developing a schedule to devote more time and training to staff and families to respond both to the needs of our students and their families. Two Masters level social work interns are assisting the LCSW in working with students and training of staff. Planned trauma training for staff will be conducted throughout the school year. We continue to plan additional activities that promote the social and emotional well-being of our students.
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22. How will the LEA ensure continuity of services for students' other needs?*

This may include student health and food services.

The school will maintain the level and quality of needs such as health and food services that have always been available and will adjust these services if and when a need arises.
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23. How will the LEA ensure continuity of services for staff's social, emotional, and mental health needs?*

As our Licensed Certified Social Worker is developing a schedule to enhance her availability to students and families, she is also making herself more available to staff to determine their social, emotional and mental health needs. School administration supports time off for staff to seek and become engaged in mental health services outside the school building.

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

Administration is providing additional training for staff for new curriculum resources and technologies to help bridge the gap caused by the pandemic. Teachers are also receiving additional support in the classroom from tutors and teacher associate.

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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

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

This plan is posted on the school's website and readers are encouraged to provide input online and/or call the school.
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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.

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

☒ Yes