



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

LEA Information

1. LEA Name (one LEA per form)*

West Valley Arts and Technology Academy, Inc

2. Entity ID Number*

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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. *

8/23/23

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.riverbendprep.org/parent-information>

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.*

Based on CDC Guidelines, our site will continue optional masking for our campus this year. This is the same as our previously submitted Safe Return to In-Person.

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).*

Students will be a minimum of 3 feet apart (to the extent possible). All grades are included in their own pods to minimize impact if/when there is a COVID case on campus.

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 will sanitize their hands when they enter campus, classrooms, and dining room area. Teachers will all have sanitizers available in classrooms for use by students as necessary. Reminders will be broadcast over the PA system in the morning as needed.

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.*

Classroom teachers will have cleaning supplies for wiping down desks/chairs in between classes as necessary. Teachers/Students will use supplies to clean surfaces throughout the day. Each classroom has a NuWave Air Purifier system to circulate air throughout the day. Teachers are running these 24/7 in their classrooms.

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.*

Upon notification of a positive COVID case, appropriate stakeholders will be informed verbally, in writing, via SchoolReach. The school admin team will discuss close contact with teachers and staff in the impacted areas to determine which class(s) or individual(s) must be quarantined. Maricopa County of Dept. Of Public Health will be notified when a positive case is confirmed on campus.

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 offered on site testing at the beginning of the 22/23 SY in an open classroom to not only our students but our community members as well. The screening and testing has since subsided and will reach back out to contact if necessary to have them back on campus for any reason.

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 do not provide vaccinations on site, however, we do have IHealth Antigen Rapid Tests available to give to students, families, stakeholders if need be. Each box contains 2 At Home Self Tests.

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.*

Students will have opportunities to take mask breaks in the front office or separate designated area within the classroom. We will continue to provide accommodations to students based on their needs.

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.*

The school will inform Maricopa County Health Dept. of Public Health by submitting information on confirmed cases. We will monitor any contact tracing and reach out to stakeholders should further action be required.

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.

We will continue In-Person instruction for the 23/24 SY.

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

Our campus was fully open In-Person instruction only 22/23 SY. We will continue with that model for the 23/24 SY. When a student or class needs to be quarantined in response to COVID concerns, those individuals will receive learning packets and supplemental materials from their homeroom teacher. In addition, students will utilize I-Ready (online resources) for remediation during their absences. We will be continuing this model in all forms for the 23/24 SY and will continue to adhere to CDC guidelines and recommendations.

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

We now have morning meetings from 8:00-8:10 in all our homeroom classes. This has made an impact with regards to having conversations with students about the upcoming days events/schedule along with hearing from the students and gauging how they are feeling and set tone/expectations for the day.

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

This may include student health and food services.

Food services have been available during normal school hours for individual students/families and classes that have been quarantined. Families have the opportunity to pick up food for students of Riverbend Prep from the Dining Room Manager. We will continue to offer health services for students based on their needs.

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

All staff participated in Pre-Service 23/24 during which mental health and social/emotional needs was addressed. The importance reiterated to staff who were asked to be mindful of their own needs and feelings in addition to our students. We will offer PD sessions as needed continuing to be cognizant of staff needs.

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

We will continue to offer PD sessions as necessary for all staff members.

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.*

Our in person return to campus model was taken into consideration by the Administrative Team on site, along with our Governing Body and a litany of other factors considered. We found that parents were eager to get students back to all in-person model moving forward during last school year. We have already seen significant increases/improvements with our daily attendance.

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