

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



Entity ID	CTDS	LEA NAME
89798	078539000	San Tan Montessori School INC

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)

CDC Safety Recommendations	Has the LEA Adopted a Policy? (Y/N)	Describe LEA Policy:
Universal and correct wearing of masks	Y	FACE MASKS OPTIONAL
Modifying facilities to allow for physical distancing (e.g., use of cohorts/podding)	Y	Taking advantage of flexible space within existing buildings to allow for increased social distancing.
Handwashing and respiratory etiquette	Y	Promote healthy hygiene practices via posters and social media.
Cleaning and maintaining healthy facilities, including improving ventilation	Y	Hand sanitizers are provided near classroom entries, high-touch surfaces. Ventilation will be intensified.
Contact tracing in combination with isolation and quarantine, in collaboration with the State, local, territorial, or Tribal health departments	Y	School nurse will conduct contact tracing and coordinate communication with affected students and families with school administration.
Diagnostic and screening testing	Y	Parents are encouraged to screen their children before sending them to school.
Efforts to provide vaccinations to school communities	Y	WORKING WITH GILBERT PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Appropriate accommodations for children with disabilities with respect to health and safety policies	Y	Intensify sanitation of areas. An AOI option is provided for students.
Coordination with State and local health officials	Y	Work with Maricopa County Department of Public Health Administration on COVID-19 case reporting.

How the LEA will ensure 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

How the LEA will Ensure Continuity of Services?

A variety of steps have been taken to ensure a well-rounded approach for addressing the academic needs, physical health, and emotional needs of students and staff.

Students' Needs:

Academic Needs	Provide additional tutoring for at-risk students in-person. An AOI option is provided for students as well.
Social, Emotional and Mental Health Needs	School will work to support all social, emotional needs in the classroom
Other Needs (which may include student health and food services)	

Staff Needs:

Social, Emotional and Mental Health Needs	Staff is offered partial paid health insurance as well as an onsite social emotional information booth sponsored by CIGNA health.
Other Needs	

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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**

Date of Revision	05/01/2023
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Public Input

Describe the process used to seek public input, and how that input was taken into account in the revision of the plan:	Community surveys were conducted and a public meeting was held.
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U.S. Department of Education Interim Final Rule (IFR)

(1) LEA Plan for Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services

- (a) An LEA must describe in its plan under section 2001(i)(1) of the ARP Act for the safe return to in-person instruction and continuity of services—
 - (i) how it 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 CDC:
 - (A) Universal and correct wearing of masks.
 - (B) Modifying facilities to allow for physical distancing (*e.g.*, use of cohorts/podding)
 - (C) Handwashing and respiratory etiquette.
 - (D) Cleaning and maintaining healthy facilities, including improving ventilation.
 - (E) Contact tracing in combination with isolation and quarantine, in collaboration with the State, local, territorial, or Tribal health departments.
 - (F) Diagnostic and screening testing.
 - (G) Efforts to provide vaccinations to school communities.
 - (H) Appropriate accommodations for children with disabilities with respect to health and safety policies.
 - (I) Coordination with State and local health officials.
 - (ii) how it will ensure 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.
- (b)(i) During the period of the ARP ESSER award established in section Start Printed Page 212022001(a) of the ARP Act, an 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.
 - (ii) In determining whether revisions are necessary, and in making any revisions, the LEA must seek public input and take such input into account
 - (iii) If at the time the LEA revises its plan the CDC has updated its guidance on reopening schools, the revised plan must address the extent to which the LEA has adopted policies, and describe any such policies, for each of the updated safety recommendations.
- (c) If an LEA developed a plan prior to enactment of the ARP Act that meets the statutory requirements of section 2001(i)(1) and (2) of the ARP Act but does not address all the requirements in paragraph (a), the LEA must, pursuant to paragraph (b), revise and post its plan no later than six months after receiving its ARP ESSER funds to meet the requirements in paragraph (a).
- (d) An LEA's plan under section 2001(i)(1) of the ARP Act for the safe return to in-person instruction and continuity of services must be—
 - (i) In an understandable and uniform format;

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- (ii) To the extent practicable, written in a language that parents can understand or, if it is not practicable to provide written translations to a parent with limited English proficiency, be orally translated for such parent; an
- (iii) Upon request by a parent who is an individual with a disability as defined by the ADA, provided in an alternative format accessible to that parent