

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



Entity ID	CTDS	LEA NAME
4418	100351000	Altar Valley School District

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	Yes	Masks are optional and provided when requested.
Modifying facilities to allow for physical distancing (e.g., use of cohorts/podding)	Yes	Physical distancing when feasible.
Handwashing and respiratory etiquette	Yes	Additional hand washing stations have been provided. Handwashing protocols continued.
Cleaning and maintaining healthy facilities, including improving ventilation	Yes	Daily cleaning with added new HVAC installed Fall 2022.
Contact tracing in combination with isolation and quarantine, in collaboration with the State, local, territorial, or Tribal health departments	Yes	PCHD will direct contact tracing. PCHD will direct isolation and quarantine.
Diagnostic and screening testing	Yes	Test Kits available to staff by request.
Efforts to provide vaccinations to school communities	Yes	Have offered to this date five opportunities for staff and community to receive vaccines.
Appropriate accommodations for children with disabilities with respect to health and safety policies	Yes	Determine on individual case by case basis.
Coordination with State and local health officials	Yes	We will work with and follow the direction of AZDHS and PCHD

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?

School sites are open for in-person instruction to ensure continuity of services.

### Students' Needs:

Academic Needs	Additional support is provided. Additional staff hired.
Social, Emotional and Mental Health Needs	We have increased our counseling staff.
Other Needs (which may include student health and food services)	We have been implementing additional Social Emotional Learning Lessons.

### Staff Needs:

Social, Emotional and Mental Health Needs	Human Resources will regularly continue to communicate support options.
Other Needs	As requested.

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 10/3/22, 5/4/2023, 8/23/2023

Public Input

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

Information has been presented and continues to be presented at monthly board meetings. We receive feedback from community members at call to public. We also receive guidance from Pima County Health Department.

## 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;
  - (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

