

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



Entity ID	CTDS	LEA NAME
81123	108717000	Educational Impact, 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	N	
Modifying facilities to allow for physical distancing (e.g., use of cohorts/podding)	N	
Handwashing and respiratory etiquette	N	
Cleaning and maintaining healthy facilities, including improving ventilation	N	
Contact tracing in combination with isolation and quarantine, in collaboration with the State, local, territorial, or Tribal health departments	N	
Diagnostic and screening testing	N	
Efforts to provide vaccinations to school communities	N	
Appropriate accommodations for children with disabilities with respect to health and safety policies	N	
Coordination with State and local health officials	N	

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?

We are a single charter school LEA. Continuity of services are provided through the use of ESSER funds which include funding for learning deficits caused by distance learning; daily classes in Social Emotional Learning (SEL) for all students; services of a school counselor to assist in meeting mental health needs; and a continuation of the National School Lunch Program which provides breakfast and lunch to all students at no charge.

Students' Needs:

Academic Needs	Classrooms sizes are limited to help reduce the gap of the learning loss from distance learning.
Social, Emotional and Mental Health Needs	A school counselor was hired and we're using Responsive Classroom Curriculum.
Other Needs (which may include student health and food services)	Classrooms sizes are limited to help reduce the gap of the learning loss from distance learning.

Staff Needs:

Social, Emotional and Mental Health Needs	Administration checks with staff regarding needs and provide SEL sessions specifically for staff as needed or requested by staff.
Other Needs	Administration checks with staff regarding needs and provide SEL sessions specifically for staff as needed or requested by staff.

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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

5/4/2023

Public Input

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

Educational Impact, Inc. is in contact with the Pima County Health Department guidance and recommendations. Pima County Health Department has regular meetings that give recommendations on providing safe environments at school. This information is taken into consideration, as well as regularly seeking input from parents, staff and Board members. Input received from the public is considered when revising this plan. Recommendations/input/suggestions on how to safely have in person instruction from the public/stakeholders, CDC and local health authorities are reviewed by school administration and staff. The plan changes/revisions are done based on those reviews and conversations. Parent and student surveys were distributed and examined in April of 2023.

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

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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; and
 - (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