

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



Entity ID	CTDS	LEA NAME
4492	138708100	Sedona Charter School

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	Mask wearing is recommended for students and staff
Modifying facilities to allow for physical distancing (e.g., use of cohorts/podding)	Y	The staff will encourage students to remain the required 3 to 6 ft. from one another. The classrooms are utilizing outside areas as extensions of the classroom to further social distancing.
Handwashing and respiratory etiquette	Y	Daily lessons and reminders.
Cleaning and maintaining healthy facilities, including improving ventilation	Y	Air flow and ventilation were enhanced in FY21. All high use areas are consistently deep cleaned and sanitized. UV lights are run daily in high use areas.
Contact tracing in combination with isolation and quarantine, in collaboration with the State, local, territorial, or Tribal health departments	Y	If a student is not feeling well for any reason, the student will be moved to an isolated sick area and parents/guardians will be notified immediately. The COVID-19 Decision Tree will be consulted and recommendations followed. All students have assigned seating to use contact tracing for notification of close contact.
Diagnostic and screening testing	Y	Visual screening will be done daily.
Efforts to provide vaccinations to school communities	Y	Bi-monthly emails sent to all parents by the Executive Director providing updates of vaccination sites as well as updates of the Yavapai Exposure Guidelines.
Appropriate accommodations for children with disabilities with respect to health and safety policies	Y	All students may wear masks and socially distant inside the classrooms as well as outside.
Coordination with State and local health officials	Y	Exposure guidelines from Yavapai County and the CDC are monitored weekly and changes to the school plan made accordingly. Links to these guidelines are on our school website.

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?

The school will be in person and if needed can provide online classes.

Students' Needs:

Academic Needs	Consistent instruction in all subject areas working toward mastery.
Social, Emotional and Mental Health Needs	Providing encouragement and social activities to build community.

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Other Needs (which may include student health and food services)	Careful watch for unexpected changes in student performance that may suggest further services are required.
Staff Needs:	
Social, Emotional and Mental Health Needs	Encouragement and discussion of how individuals are feeling.
Other Needs	Providing the necessary PPE and clear policies.

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	September 10, 2021
Public Input	
Describe the process used to seek public input, and how that input was taken into account in the revision of the plan:	Parents were surveyed and the data collected was quantitatively reviewed and carefully weighed updating the plan.

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