

Richland Springs ISD

RETURN TO IN-PERSON INSTRUCTION AND CONTINUITY OF SERVICES (RIPICS) PLAN

Introduction

American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act statute requires that LEAs develop and make publicly available their plans for the safe return to in-person instruction and continuity of services. A summary of Richland Springs plan is below.

Effective Date of Plan

This plan is effective as of August 1, 2021.

Public Comment & Stakeholder Input

This plan was developed in consultation with stakeholders after soliciting public comment via surveys, public board meetings, a community town-hall meeting, and administrative team consultation.

Ongoing Review & Publication of Plan

The plan was drafted in July and posted to the Richland Springs ISD's website www.rscopyotes.net. Every six months, RISD will review the plan in accordance with the latest guidance from the CDC, state and local governments. If revisions are needed to the plan, public input will be solicited and stakeholders will be meaningfully consulted. The revised version of the plan will then be posted to the website.

Important Review Dates:

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| 2021-2022 | Initial Plan Date: 7-26-2021 | Review Date: 1-26-2022 |
| 2022-2023 | 6 mo. Review Date: 7-26-2022 | End of Grant Review Date: 1-26-2023 |
| 2023-2024 | Last required review 9-30-2023 | Grant ends 9-3-2024 |



In this plan, you will find the most up-to-date information at this time for RSISD. The details in this document are subject to change as directives are provided by governing authorities and/or healthy officials or as environmental conditions change. As always, the safety and security of our students, families, teachers, and staff is our top priority. We cannot wait to see our students and look forward to a successful school year.

Continuity of Educational Services/Instructional Information

- **General Instructional Settings**

Richland Springs ISD will no longer offer parents the option for either face-to-face or remote/virtual learning. All students will be required to attend school Face-to-Face and attend school according to compulsory attendance laws.

All COVID protocols will still be followed if a student tests positive.

- Face-to-Face Instruction – Students attend school daily and follow safety and sanitation expectations.

- **Daily attendance**

District funding and resources are linked to attendance. Attendance will be taken each day to ensure that students are actively engaged. In addition, per Texas Education Code (TEC), §25.092, students must attend 90% of the days a course is offered to be awarded credit for the course and/or to be promoted to the next grade.

- **Transportation and Arrival/Departure Procedures**

- Parents/guardians are expected to screen their students for COVID-19 symptoms each day **prior** to sending their student to board the bus or drop off in the morning.
- A student should not board the bus or attend school if they have a measured temperature greater than or equal to 100.0 degrees Fahrenheit and guidelines must be followed before he/she is allowed to return to school.



Mitigation Strategies

- Provide each classroom with hand sanitizer and disinfectant wipes.
- Hand sanitizing stations located at every entrance, hallway locations, cafeteria, fieldhouse and gymnasium.
- All employees will be trained to specifically follow health safety protocols
- Provide all campuses with no-touch thermometers
- We will not require masks, but they will be allowed as an option if a student, parent, or faculty member chooses to utilize one.
- Our custodial staff will clean the school as thoroughly as possible daily
- We have placed hand sanitizer at the entrance of our buses and frequently clean and fog them.
- Germblast service will be utilized to fight infectious disease in our schools. They will treat each campus 3 times with follow up treatments for any infected areas. Germblast will also treat our transportation fleet.
- Classroom furniture will be rearranged to ensure maximum physical distancing and improve traffic flow.
- Work areas will be sanitized after each class. Students will be taught and encouraged to clean their own work areas, as feasible, custodians will clean workstations on a scheduled basis.
- Students are to bring their own refillable water bottles as water fountains will not be accessible. Bottle filling water fountains have been installed at each campus.
- Athletics and extracurricular activities will be conducted in alignment with UIL guidelines.
- Staggered lunch schedule will be implemented for middle school and high school students to limit cafeteria capacity.
- We will welcome visitors this school year but only if they are showing no symptoms of illness in general.
- If there is a COVID case this school year, we will monitor the situation as we did the previous year.



Campus Re-entry Criteria

In the case of an individual who was ***diagnosed with COVID-19***, the individual may return to school when all three of the following criteria are met:

- at least one day (24 hours) has passed since recovery (resolution of fever without the use of fever-reducing medications);
- the individual has improvement in symptoms (e.g., cough, shortness of breath); and
- at least eight days have passed since symptoms first appeared.

Notice:

Richland Springs ISD's Communication Plan for Parents and the Public

- RSISD website (<https://www.rscoyotes.net/>)
- RSISD School App

Please contact our district if you have any questions: 325-452-3427

- Clifton James Womack, Superintendent
- Rhonda Wyatt, School Principal
- Vicki Key, School Counselor
- Kim Danford, PEIMS Coordinator/Registrar

RSISD's Administration Leadership Team, staff, and community members will be continuously reviewing this document and other possible structures for students safely returning to in-person instruction and the continuity of services no less frequently than every six months.

