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



Entity ID	CTDS	LEA NAME
4252	070381000	Nadaburg Unified School District 81

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	Masks or shields are optional, subject to change based on health metrics (MCHS/AZDHS)
Modifying facilities to allow for physical distancing (e.g., use of cohorts/podding)	Y	Extra personnel and classrooms to allow for distancing, outdoor learning, in-person and hybrid models, plexi-glass dividers in group settings; closed campus for volunteers, visitors and vendors.
Handwashing and respiratory etiquette	Y	Handwashing before and after breakfast and lunch; coughing or sneezing in the elbow crook; posted signage in classrooms, common areas, busses. Sanitation stations in classrooms and hallways.
Cleaning and maintaining healthy facilities, including improving ventilation	Y	More frequent cleaning rounds, COVID-19 hospital-grade disinfectant misting 3x/week, increased fresh air ventilation
Contact tracing in combination with isolation and quarantine, in collaboration with the State, local, territorial, or Tribal health departments	Y	Contact tracing, notification of positive cases to parents and staff, isolation of symptomatic students and staff pending testing, optional quarantine
Diagnostic and screening testing	Y	Both diagnostic and screening options w/CVS, Banner Health and Embry Health mobile units
Efforts to provide vaccinations to school communities	Y	Embry mobile health units at all school sites and community sites; publicized on social media and district/school websites; 2 vaccination events for ages 12+ with parental consent and 1 event for ages 5+ with parental presence; 2 booster shot Events. BinaxNow tests from MCHS distributed to staff and students three times.
Appropriate accommodations for children with disabilities with respect to health and safety policies	Y	Masks regarded on an individual basis according to health needs, parent request; distancing; telehealth options for vulnerable students
Coordination with State and local health officials	Y	Weekly webinar with MCHS and weekly updates to staff and community w/MCHS & AZDHS data

#### 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 district has worked in partnership with Maricopa County Superintendent's Office to provide hotspots for all students, as well as 1:1 devices. This allows for continued educational services. Additionally, IEP and extended service minutes are provided via telehealth in partnership with parents and external health resources to support all students. All students have access to nutritional services. The campus health clinic has an extended service availability to assist families and students with health options on site M-W-F from 8-5 pm.

Students' Needs:			
Academic Needs	Instruction is provided in a teacher-led in-person classroom for all		
	students Monday-Thursday per our previously established board-		
	approved state-approved 4-day school week. When students are not		

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	in school due to a Covid-related illness or quarantine, they can complete work through online learning and submit assignments via
	our virtual platform. Emphasis has been on in-person learning;
	however, a few parents have requested continual online learning for
	their students because of the risk of infection for compromised
	family members. These students are taught by a certified teacher
	through daily lessons via zoom. Online students are taught by a
	certified teacher through daily lessons via zoom. The teacher also
	interacts with students through email and via phone calls. The
	teacher also utilizes tools such as Nearpod and other interactive
	technology to deliver lessons and assess learning.
	IEP services and counseling support are provided virtually for these
	students based on need and student accessibility.
Social, Emotional and Mental Health Needs	The district has embraced an SEL curriculum from Stephen Covey
	based on the 7 Habits of Highly Effective Leaders called "Leader in
	Me" which supports students in strategies in handling stress and
	emotional well-being. In addition, students have access to
	counselors. Counselors are active in teaching the lessons and holding
	support groups. After school classes and activities are developed
	with recreational needs and stress-relief strategies in mind.
Other Needs (which may include student health	Students receive free breakfast and lunch due to the federal free
and food services)	meals program. This is extremely important for our students to focus
	on their academics when their primary need for nutrition is met.
Staff Needs:	
Social, Emotional and Mental Health Needs	Leader in Me incorporates adult social, emotional and mental health
,	strategies to cope with stress and support healthy collaboration. An
	emphasis has been placed on how to maintain balance in life and
	work. Culture goals have been implemented to intentionally build
	connection and mental/emotional support for staff.
Other Needs	All administrators, teachers and support staff have home Binax Now
	test kits provided by Maricopa County Health Services.

The LEA must <b>regularly, but <u>no less frequently than every six months</u> (taking into consideration the timing of significant changes to CDC guidance on reopening schools), <b>review and, as appropriate, revise its plan</b> for the safe return to in-person instruction and continuity of services <b>through September 30, 2023</b></b>				
Date of Revision				
Public Input				
Describe the process used to seek public input, and how that input was taken into account in the revision of the plan:	The ESSER III plan was shared at the June, July and August board meetings for public input. The plan was uploaded to the district website for 3 weeks with a survey link for input and also shared via social media for feedback. The plan was reviewed in each board meeting and parent/guardian questions were received. Latest update 3.22.2022.			

# 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:

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- (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