

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



| Entity ID | CTDS | LEA NAME |
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| 4242 | 070280000 | Chandler Unified Schools #80 |

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: |
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| Universal and correct wearing of masks | NO | Face coverings will be optional for the 2023-2024 school year. |
| Modifying facilities to allow for physical distancing (e.g., use of cohorts/podding) | NO | CUSD will continue to focus on student cleanliness and hygiene. |
| Handwashing and respiratory etiquette | NO | <p>CUSD continues to focus on hand hygiene with sanitization stations placed around the school. Students and staff are encouraged to wash their hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after have been in a public place, or after blowing their nose, coughing, or sneezing.</p> <p>Always cover mouth and nose with a tissue when coughing, sneezing or use the inside of the elbow when a cloth face covering is not available.</p> <p>Students and staff must throw used tissues in the trash and utilize facility sinks for soap and water to ensure cleanliness.</p> |
| Cleaning and maintaining healthy facilities, including improving ventilation | NO | <p>CUSD continues routine cleaning and disinfection of frequently touched objects and surfaces where feasible.</p> <p>CUSD maintenance departments ensure adequate ventilation in all classrooms by ensuring clean ducts and air vents, while changing air filters frequently</p> |
| Contact tracing in combination with isolation and quarantine, in collaboration with the State, local, territorial, or Tribal health departments | NO | <p>Universal Mitigation plan for all CUSD sites:</p> <p>Any student or staff exhibiting COVID symptoms will be excluded from school per CUSD health protocol.</p> |

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| | | <p>Require students to remain home when sick or demonstrating symptoms as outlined in the student's exclusion guidelines.</p> <p>Enforce isolation requirements, per CUSD health protocols, for students/staff who test positive for COVID-19.</p> <p>If COVID-19 cases increase in our community CUSD administration will review any further mitigation necessary should conditions warrant any change.</p> |
| Diagnostic and screening testing | NO | CUSD will continue to communicate testing resources in our community to assist families in locating free testing locations throughout the community. |
| Efforts to provide vaccinations to school communities | NO | CUSD continues to communicate vaccination resources in our community to assist families. |
| Appropriate accommodations for children with disabilities with respect to health and safety policies | NO | CUSD continues to monitor how students with disabilities access their free and appropriate public education given their unique needs. Accommodations can be provided in the classroom and on campus to keep students safe while remaining engaged in specially designed instruction activities. Students with disabilities eligible under section 504 are afforded equitable access to keep them safe and healthy in the educational setting. Alternate locations for the provision of services and instruction can be considered based on a student's unique needs. |
| Coordination with State and local health officials | NO | CUSD Director of Health Services continues to monitor MCDPH communications. |

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?

For the 2023-2024 school year, all Chandler Unified School District school sites will be open for in-person instruction to ensure continuity of services. In addition to in-person instruction, all students in grades 1-12 will have the opportunity to enroll in Chandler Online Academy, which is the approved online provider for Chandler Schools. CUSD has implemented multiple options to ensure students are able to participate in quality learning experiences regardless of the delivery model.

Students' Needs:

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| Academic Needs | Students' academic needs will be met through the implementation of teaching the curriculum using adopted resources in Tier I instruction. Utilizing our Multi-tiered System of Supports, differentiation within the classroom will be implemented to intervene when skill sets are identified as a need for intervention for our students to assist in the learning recovery process. Acceleration will be implemented when triangulation of data determines the individual student need as we create personalized learning paths for our Chandler Unified School District students. |
| Social, Emotional and Mental Health Needs | <p>Students receive prevention and intervention lessons in all grades from social emotional cognitive learning adopted curriculum. All tiered mental health deliverable pieces are from evidence-based curriculum. Targeted interventions are based on needs of students and are provided in a small support group model as well as individually. Crisis level intervention is available for students with an emphasis to support family structure which includes referrals and resources to community partners.</p> <p>CUSD released an RFP to determine the available resources to assist in addressing mental and behavioral health needs of our students. This was released and completed during the 2022-2023 school year. Three organizations were awarded and implementation has begun.</p> |
| Other Needs (which may include student health and food services) | <p>CUSD will continue to follow recommendations and infection prevention protocols from public health partners in the school health office.</p> <p>The health office staff will continue to educate and exclude students based on public health exclusion guidelines. All individuals entering any building on district property will be required to self-monitor for symptoms.</p> |
| Staff Needs: | |
| Social, Emotional and Mental Health Needs | Staff receive ongoing education and training on secondary trauma effects, burnout and healthy coping skills via a variety of mediums. These deliverables include: the mental health staff, human resources, community partners and opportunities through professional development with a focus on wellness. Additional supports are available through employee assistance programs. A strong focus is placed on physical and mental health and work life balance education. |
| Other Needs | If additional needs arise, the district will review to determine next steps. |

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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

July 19, 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:

Throughout the 2022-2023 school year, CUSD utilized feedback from teachers, parents, staff, community, state and federal agencies to determine district mitigation plan updates. CUSD will continue this process to ensure a safe learning environment for students, teachers and staff.

All feedback gathered from the community, teachers and staff was reviewed and considered prior to the creation of the final plan that continues to be in place today.