

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



Entity ID	CTDS	LEA NAME
4154	010208000	Window Rock Unified School District

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	All students, staff and guest are required to wear mask on district campus and at all district sponsored events. The Navajo Nation has lifting the mask mandate for the general public and K-12 educational setting. Face masks are available for students, staff and guest at each school site. In collaboration with Tsehootsooi Medical Center, depending on current COVID cases; mask maybe required to help mitigate new strands of COVID .
Modifying facilities to allow for physical distancing (e.g., use of cohorts/podding)	N	Internal school policy - Class size is controlled/managed to assist with social distancing. Maintain social distancing to the extent practicable in the classrooms.
Handwashing and respiratory etiquette	N	Internal school policy - Handwashing and respiratory etiquette are scheduled at the elementary sites throughout the day. Hand Sanitizer is available at all sites. Posters are displayed at all restroom and handwashing stations.
Cleaning and maintaining healthy facilities, including improving ventilation	N	Buildings are cleaned each day. High touched areas are cleaned throughout the day. Staff cleaning procedures/training were provided by Hillyard and District Lead Custodian. HVAC systems have been updated and installed at school sites.
Contact tracing in combination with isolation and quarantine, in collaboration with the State, local, territorial, or Tribal health departments	N	Internal policy of contact tracing and activities are coordinated by the District COVID -19 Coordinator in accordance with updated CDC Guidelines.
Diagnostic and screening testing	N	Staff, students are guest are advised to stay home with feeling sick or have COVID symptoms.
Efforts to provide vaccinations to school communities	N	WRUSD has a partnership with Tsehootsooi Medical Center to provide vaccinations to staff and students.
Appropriate accommodations for children with disabilities with respect to health and safety policies	Y	Appropriate accommodations are being followed and regulated on an individual student needs according to laws and regulations. Oversight by WRUSD ESS Director.

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Coordination with State and local health officials	N	Our district works with the Navajo Nation Department of Health Services and Indian Health Services.
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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?

Window Rock USD will ensure continuity of services by offering In-Person Learning for all students in PreK to 12th grade. Additional services and support provided for high school students to are lacking credits for graduation with Academic Interventionist. In addition, Window Rock USD has social/emotional processes and personnel in place to address the mental health of students both in-person and remote. Purchase supplies, equipment, and services to support the academic and emotional needs to provide a safe educational environment conducive to learning.

Students' Needs:

Academic Needs	WRUSD hosts in-person for all students PreK to 12th grade. WRUSD will invest in hardware and software to further empower our technology capacity to enhance student learning. Provide individualized educational programs after school and on Saturday's to increase learning opportunities for all students.
Social, Emotional and Mental Health Needs	Students have access to counselors and mental health counselors to assist them with their mental health needs. WRUSD will continue to collaborate with Navajo Nation and Tsehootsooi Medical Center to meet the social, emotional and mental health needs of staff and students. Mobile Unit from Tsehootsooi Medical Center (TMC) will be on-site on Monday's to meet the needs of our high school students.
Other Needs (which may include student health and food services)	Our schools are working with TMC and with the Navajo Nation to ensure that students have access to Covid and Flu vaccination. District will host TMC at school sites for vaccinations shots. We will continue to provide breakfast and lunch every day for all enrolled students. During summer months we also operate a community feeding program that allows all community children age 18 or under to eat breakfast and lunch regardless of enrollment status.

Staff Needs:

Social, Emotional and Mental Health Needs	Staff are also advised to utilized Employee Assistance Program for their social, emotional and mental health needs without leaving the comfort of their home. Employees also have access to TELEDOC 24/7 by app or telephone at no cost. Medical and prescription benefit coverage is available at no cost for the full-time employees.
Other Needs	Not at this time.

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 07/1/2021, 1/2022, 5/2022, 08/2022, 11/01/2022, 05/2023, 8/2023

Public Input

Describe the process used to seek public input, and how that input was taken into account in the revision of the plan:	During publicly posted Governing Board Meetings, PAC, IEC meetings parents and the public are given an opportunity to provide input on the District COVID mitigation Plan. The Office of Superintendent also has a
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comment/suggestion box and email address that stakeholders can share their suggestions. District Mitigation Plan is posted on the district website.

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 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