

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



Entity ID	CTDS	LEA NAME
78874	13-87-68000	Mountain Oak 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	Masks are optional for both teachers and students.
Modifying facilities to allow for physical distancing (e.g., use of cohorts/podding)	Y	Rooms are set up for spacing and distancing in the classrooms. 1-3rd grade and 5-8 th grade are separate during the school day.
Handwashing and respiratory etiquette	Y	Students are supervised for handwashing after recess, before lunch, after lunch, and at the end of the day. Hand sanitizer was given for every class, and students were given their own personal hand sanitizer. We also have hand sanitizer stations located in all buildings.
Cleaning and maintaining healthy facilities, including improving ventilation	Y	Every classroom has an air filter. We keep windows and doors open 90% of the time unless it is raining into the windows.
Contact tracing in combination with isolation and quarantine, in collaboration with the State, local, territorial, or Tribal health departments	Y	We follow the county guidelines regarding quarantines. If a student or staff member were to test positive, we send a letter to families asking them to watch their children for symptoms of COVID. We let them chose to keep their child home or send them to school. If a child is identified as a close contact in a classroom, parents are asked to keep their child home for 5 days after the initial contact and watch for symptoms. We also request a negative COVID test for the child who might have been diagnosed with COVID before returning to school.
Diagnostic and screening testing	Y	We have a rapid test kit on campus. Various staff, parents, and students have been offered the available test, and some have utilized it. If a staff member exhibits symptoms of COVID, they are asked to test before returning to work. Students who are ill and exhibiting symptoms, parents are asked to test for COVID or wait to see if symptoms become better or worse. If better, they can return to school. If symptoms get worse, we ask that they test their child for COVID.
Efforts to provide vaccinations to school communities	Y	We do not offer vaccinations, however, we give excused absences to staff or students who need to leave during the school day for a vaccine.

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Appropriate accommodations for children with disabilities with respect to health and safety policies	Y	These fall under a case-by-case basis. Children with immunity issues can wear a mask. Any other needs would be addressed immediately.
Coordination with State and local health officials	Y	The county website with COVID numbers, guidance, and information is given in a link with our protocol.

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?

Mountain Oak plans to stay in person learning unless otherwise required by federal guidelines. Students who are home due to COVID related illness or quarantine are given homework by the teacher, emails for questions of teachers, and not penalized due to time missed due to COVID related absences.

Students' Needs:

Academic Needs	We have Weekly academic clubs and tutoring, a Title I math and reading teacher to help with learning loss, and instructional aids in classrooms over 20 to help with direct assistance.
Social, Emotional and Mental Health Needs	We have an Eco Therapist who teaches gardening, an Art Therapy teacher who works one on one with students referred by teachers and or parents, and a Reading Therapist to assist kids with extra assistance in assessing and working through reading struggles in our older readers 4-8. Our school counselor is available for walk in sessions.
Other Needs (which may include student health and food services)	Mountain Oak is planning to start a breakfast, lunch, and snack program here at our school in our school kitchen that coordinates with local growers in a farm to table program. Our goal is to feed all children with no cost to families who are struggling.

Staff Needs:

Social, Emotional and Mental Health Needs	If staff feels the need to take time off for social, emotional, or health needs, we will provide a substitute. We are hoping our food program will additionally support the staff's social, emotional, mental, and health needs as we will provide food to staff at minimal cost.
Other Needs	Our campus is cleaned and sanitized with steam and other natural methods that are safe to our stakeholders, and effective at disinfecting our campus. This cleaning takes place Monday-Friday across campus by a professional cleaning company.

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 May 30, 2024

Public Input

Describe the process used to seek public input, and how that input was taken into account in the revision of the plan:	Mountain Oak conducts parent surveys, All parents are invited to participate. Parents had notifications sent and announcements were made at parent meetings. Parent input was collected and part of the decision making process.
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(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

Pandemic Mitigation Plan



Current Practices & Protocols:

- Mountain Oak is holding in person school, on campus, every school day. Remote learning will be considered only in the event of closure.
- All eligible people are encouraged to be vaccinated against COVID-19, per public health advice.
- Masks are optional for students indoors.
- Anyone who has any symptom of illness must stay home. This is the key to prevention.
- Ventilation in the building is optimized through HVAC settings, air filters, and open windows.
- Upper and Lower grades are separate indoors, but may spend time outside as reading buddies.
- Access to the building and campus during the school day will be limited to faculty, students, and others only as invited onto the campus for official and professional purposes and parents who give prior notice, they are visiting a class.
- Student desks are socially distant at 3 feet apart. -We will practice good hand hygiene and respiratory etiquette.
- We continue to clean surfaces regularly.
- A cleaning company comes Monday – Friday to clean and sanitize surfaces and highly frequented areas.
- We continue to work collaboratively with the Local Health Department, and follow their instructions.
- Parents of a class where a positive case has been confirmed will be notified and any one deemed in “close contact” as defined by the Yavapai County Health Dept.