

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



Entity ID	CTDS	LEA NAME
79050	078997000	Little Lamb Community School dba Mission Montessori Academy

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
Modifying facilities to allow for physical distancing (e.g., use of cohorts/podding)	Y	Students are working in assigned areas, outdoor areas have been enhanced to accommodate instruction to take place outdoors.
Handwashing and respiratory etiquette	Y	Implemented throughout the day
Cleaning and maintaining healthy facilities, including improving ventilation	Y	ESSER funds are being used to implement additional cleaning and HVAC systems
Contact tracing in combination with isolation and quarantine, in collaboration with the State, local, territorial, or Tribal health departments	N	No longer contact tracing. Parents must follow the regular school sick policy which aligns with guidance from local health departments.
Diagnostic and screening testing	N	No longer required testing. Tests are available if a family or staff member would like one.
Efforts to provide vaccinations to school communities	N	N/A
Appropriate accommodations for children with disabilities with respect to health and safety policies	Y	Students with special needs are addressed on an individual basis.
Coordination with State and local health officials	N	No longer working directly with the city or county health departments.

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?

Provide access to packets of work for ill students, after school tutoring, intervention assessments, counseling support.	
Students' Needs:	
Academic Needs	Small groups created in classrooms, after school targeted tutoring to address learning loss, distance learning, packets, projects, intervention assessing.
Social, Emotional and Mental Health Needs	SEL curriculum in place, School Counselor available
Other Needs (which may include student health and food services)	All students will be provided a snack and parent called if a child does not have food
Staff Needs:	
Social, Emotional and Mental Health Needs	Regular support meetings with mentor teacher and/or admin team. Counselor available
Other Needs	Personal Consultation

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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

08/01/2023

Public Input

Describe the process used to seek public input, and how that input was taken into account in the revision of the plan:

Open Governing Board Meetings allowing public comment, personal meetings, calls and emails, surveys to families and staff members.

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;

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- (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