

Zephyr Independent School District

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Return to In-Person Instruction & Continuity of Services (RIPICS) Plan (Most recent update 6-6-23)

Introduction

American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act statute requires that LEAs develop and make publicly available their plans for the safe return to in-person instruction and continuity of services. A summary of Zephyr ISD's plans is below.

Effective Date of Plan

This plan is effective as of August 1, 2021.

Public Comment & Stakeholder Input

This plan was developed in consultation with stakeholders after soliciting public comment via in person meetings, public board meeting, and administrative team consultation.

Ongoing Review & Publication of Plan

The plan was drafted on June 1st, 2021 and posted to the LEA website <https://zephyrisd.net/esser/>. Every six months, the Zephyr ISD will review the plan in accordance with the latest guidance from the CDC, state and local governments. If revisions are needed to the plan, public input will be solicited and stakeholders will be meaningfully consulted. The revised version of the plan will then be posted on the website. The chart below provides information on this ongoing process.

Return to In-Person Instruction & Continuity of Services Plan Review		
2021-2022 Year 1	<u>Date of Initial Plan:</u> 6-1-2021	<u>Six Month Review Date:</u> 12-15-2021 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No revision needed <input type="checkbox"/> Revisions were made

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<p align="center">2022-2023 Year 2</p>	<p><u>Six Month Review Date:</u> 6-3-2022 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No revision needed <input type="checkbox"/> Revisions were made</p>	<p><u>End of Grant Period Review Date:</u> 12-1-2022 <input type="checkbox"/> No revision needed <input type="checkbox"/> Revisions were made</p>
<p align="center">2023-2024 (Carryover Year)</p>	<p align="center">Last required review is 9/30/2023 ~Grant ends 9/30/24~</p>	

General Instructional Settings

Zephyr ISD will only offer in person instruction for the 2021-2022 school year.

Provisions to Reduce Risk of Exposure to Health Hazards

Systems & Procedures

- We will not require mask, but they will be allowed as an option if a student, parent, or faculty member chooses to utilize one.
- We have placed hand sanitizer at the entrance of our buses and frequently clean and fog them.
- Our janitorial staff will clean the school as thoroughly as possible daily.
- If there is a COVID case this coming year we will contact trace and monitor the situation as we did the previous year.
- We had the health department come in and offer free vaccinations for faculty.
- We still provide COVID testing on campus, and if it is desired the student can ask the Principal and we will conduct the rapid test.
- We notify our local health department if we have a case and contact trace for them to the best of our ability.
- We will welcome visitors this school year but only if they are showing no symptoms of illness in general.
- We have tried to the best of our ability to spread the kids out in the lunchroom and keep them organized by class in the lower grade levels.
- We have hand sanitizer available in every building and in every classroom.

Modifications to Facilities

- We have installed a bottle filling water fountain for the elementary and HS students.

Students' Academic Needs

Zephyr ISD is implementing an RTI program and is providing extra tutoring for students after school/summer for learning loss. We have also purchased several diagnostic tools for reading and math to help assess student weakness in TEKS objectives.

Students' Social, Emotional, Mental Health Needs

We have hired a counselor to come in periodically to teach the students about social/emotional issues, and building strong character traits.

Staff's Social, Emotional, Mental Health Needs

We plan to continue to cook for the staff, bring them drinks, and provide thank you opportunities as much as possible. We are also going to include a retention stipend for all employees.

Questions

Questions regarding this plan may be directed to:

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