

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



Entity ID	CTDS	LEA NAME
07-85-96-000	90916	Archway Classical Academy Veritas

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	<b>Optional Face/Mask Coverings:</b> No messaging permitted on face/mask coverings (with exception of academy-related messages). Varied Colors and patterns are permitted.
Modifying facilities to allow for physical distancing (e.g., use of cohorts/podding)	Y	Extraneous furniture has been removed from classrooms and desks have been spread out as much as possible to prevent direct contact between students.
Handwashing and respiratory etiquette	Y	Handwashing etiquette instruction completed at the beginning of school year. Handwashing signs posted in restrooms instructing students and staff on proper handwashing technique. Antibacterial soap in all bathrooms and hand sanitizer is made available to all students and staff. Proper respiratory etiquette (covering coughs and sneezes) is part of curriculum. Students are required to wash hands before eating.
Cleaning and maintaining healthy facilities, including improving ventilation	Y	Cleaning is conducted with electrostatic sprayer all classrooms 3x weekly; Oxifer spray available to classrooms if needed; Day porter cleans all frequently used surfaces consistently throughout day with antibacterial wipes. Increased airflow and use of MERC-13 filters.
Contact tracing in combination with isolation and quarantine, in collaboration with the State, local, territorial, or Tribal health departments	Y	CDC Isolation and Quarantine procedures were administered to all parents and faculty and are posted on the school's website including a detailed guide on symptomology, proper procedures and how to determine and report close contacts. All Close Contacts of positive cases are contacted, recorded and given Maricopa County of Health guidance on quarantine procedures. All Close Contacts are reported to appropriate governmental authorities.
Diagnostic and screening testing	Y	Staff is provided with a list of providers for diagnostic screening and testing. Cost of testing is covered by health coverage.
Efforts to provide vaccinations to school communities	N	
Appropriate accommodations for children with disabilities with respect to health and	Y	All efforts will be made to accommodate children with disabilities in regards to

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safety policies		<p>implemented health and safety policies in the classroom. Should the students IEP or physical or emotional well-being require it, online Academy offered in accordance with State guidelines. Special education and related services will be provided in accordance with students' IEPs, as is possible and feasible, utilizing alternative means if necessary. These methods can include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Zoom for groups</li> <li>· Zoom for individuals</li> <li>· Google Classroom</li> <li>· Phone call</li> <li>· Online activities that can be done at any time</li> </ul> <p>As well as a combination of these methods. Considerations will be made as to what method of instruction and accommodations are necessary and will provide disabled students with access to a FAPE.</p>
Coordination with State and local health officials	Y	Cases and all Close Contacts are reported to the County Health Department. State and Local Health ordinances and guidelines are followed and posted when appropriate on School's Website.

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?

Regular health and safety screenings are in place as well as additional staff and observation added to help facilitate return to in person services and learning.

#### Students' Needs:

Academic Needs	Commit to more focused reading group instruction. We will also be adding to sight whole group word practice to Heggerty. More time dedicated to deliberate reading group instruction in small groups. Moving from 40 minutes in reading groups to 60 minutes. Heggerty daily. Students keep a Good Fit Book at their desk, students to read when they complete work rather than completing a variety of "busy work" tasks. This supplements reading groups (4 days a week, 60 minutes each) in which students will either be reading independently, reading in a small teacher-led group, writing their spelling words in complete sentences or being read to by a parent. Where applicable; Commit to 60-minute literacy blocks M,T,Th & F with intentional reading skills in small groups. Math rotations may be in rotation on Friday.
Social, Emotional, and Mental Health Needs	Dean of students has created schedule that allows her to join 4th & 5th grade students for lunch and recess on a regular basis. ELL teacher provided PD in August on the needs of ELL students, including their unique SEL needs in the classroom. SST and ESS led PD on SEL and its impact on assessing curriculum and functioning in the classroom. Admin and Teacher observations. Parent outreach/feedback. Meet the individual needs 1:1 whenever

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	possible. Lunch bunch. Parent partnership when accessible. Breathing exercises provided by Counseling Department August 2020. Enrollment in Northcentral University's Virtual Education Support Center courses.
Other Needs (which may include student health and food services)	School will follow CDC's "No Share" Food Policy; All Faculty trained in identifying symptoms of illness specific to COVID-19 and instructed to take immediate action when students appear to be exhibiting symptoms.
<b>Staff Needs:</b>	
Social, Emotional, and Mental Health Needs	Weekly/biweekly 1:1 meetings; Team meetings, Faculty Advisor Meeting- fingers on the pulse. A Wednesday schedule that provides a balance of community building, faculty-wide professional development, and grade level planning time. Remind staff of our insurance benefits, including counseling services. Accommodate PTO requests.
Other Needs	Headmaster check-ins and added availability of administrative staff.

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	October 15, 2021
<b>Public Input</b>	
Describe the process used to seek public input, and how that input was taken into account in the revision of the plan:	Community Stakeholder meeting held on August 17, 2021 between Parents, Community Leaders, Faculty and Administration regarding feedback on Great Hearts policies and needs that have arisen due to COVID both academic and social-emotional. Parent Survey sent out at the beginning of the School Year and parent feedback was complied and implemented district-wide.

## 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.

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- (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