

SAU #82
Chester, NH
ESSR III Funding Plan
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Transparency and Accessibility

Chester Academy Draft Return to School Plan has been evolving since it was first published on [June 09, 2021](#). A committee comprised of parents, staff, teachers, administrators and Board members has met throughout the summer to consider NH DPHS recommendations and proposed a revised plan to the Chester School Board on [August 11, 2021](#). A third summer revision of Chester's Draft Return to School was published on [August 17, 2021](#) after a [new update from NH DPH](#) (8-11-2021). The committee will be seeking Board approval for the August 11th iteration at their meeting on August 25, 2021.

A survey was conducted in early June to garner both family and staff input as the plan was created. The district held an information session on August 17th for both staff and families to garner feedback as well as explain the plan and answer questions.

Associated Costs: \$0

Health and Safety

The Return to School Plan outlines the universal prevention strategies and layered response strategies in accordance with NH DPHS guidance to minimize the risk of COVID transmission at school ([see pgs 4-5 of the Aug 17 Plan](#)). Individual accommodation plans for students and staff have been developed to meet the needs of individuals in accordance with IDEA, 504 and ADA Regulations.

Water Filling Stations and Reusable Water Bottles: During the 2021-2022 school year, the district intends to replace the 2 remaining water fountains with refillable water stations and provide water bottles to students.

Hand Sanitizers: Hand sanitizers were installed throughout the building during the 2021-2022 school year. During the 2021-2022 school year, additional sanitizers will be installed and batteries and refills will be updated.

Indoor Air Quality: During the 2020-21 school year, the district installed [Iwave-C Air Purifiers](#) as well as upgrading filters on our air handling units to Merv-11. Split heating and AC units were also installed on the second floor classrooms. During

the 2021-2022 school year, the district facility staff will replace the filters with more frequency.

Additional PPE: Masks and additional PPE will be purchased for utilization during the 2021-2022 school year.

Physical Distancing: During the 2019-2020 school year, 2 large storage containers were rented and utilized to store classroom furniture in order to maximize physical distancing. This year, one or both containers will continue to be rented to accommodate the needs to increase physical distancing in relation to COVID transmission data and additional prevention strategies.

During the 2021-2022 school year, cafeteria physical distancing will require a quarterly rotation of grade levels in the cafeteria. This will require additional food service labor and containers.

The nurses Office was also restructured to provide isolation areas for students presenting with COVID-like symptoms.

Associated Costs:

Water Filling Stations and Reusable Water Bottles: \$2750.00

Hand Sanitizers: \$1587.25

Indoor Air Quality: \$8,400.00

Additional PPE: \$2000

Physical Distancing: \$27,204

Total Health and Safety: \$41,941.25

Services to Identify and Address Learning Gaps and Needs (both academic and SEL) (no less than 20%)

Summer Programming: Chester provided increased summer program options for approximately 100 students from July 13, 2021 through August 5, 2021 to address both the academic and social/emotional needs of our students. The district intends to repeat this increased programming during the summer of 2022 and 2023.

Tiered Interventions: Fall benchmark assessments Dibels and IReady will be conducted in September to determine and design intervention groups and strategies to address individual learning needs. The district is currently exploring the [DESSA suite of SEL assessments](#) to benchmark and monitor social and emotional needs.

The district purchased Reading Horizons Elevate as a resource for grades 4+ data-driven reading intervention. Interventions will be designed and implemented both during regular school hours and before and after school hours to ensure all students' needs are being met to accelerate their learning. Transportation will be provided as needed. Administration will report monthly to the Chester School Board the number of students receiving Tier 2 and 3 interventions for ELA, Math and SEL.

Transition to Grade 9 mentoring will be provided to identified high-risk grade 8 students.

Continuity of Services: In order to provide high quality instruction during periods of staffing illness and required isolation periods, the district will hire two permanent substitute teachers and include them in all of the professional learning for teachers. The district will also equip our technology department to continue seamless transitions to and from remote instruction.

Associated Costs:

Summer Programming: \$29,580.59

Tiered Interventions: \$42,686.55

Continuity of Services: \$39,463

Total Learning Costs: \$111,730.14