

LEA Plan on the Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services

This document is intended to meet the federal statutory requirement that, within 30 days of receiving ARP ESSER LEA allocation (anticipated May 24th), an LEA shall publish an LEA Plan on the Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services, which is often called a “school district reopening plan.”

Note, if an LEA developed a plan before *The American Rescue Plan Act* (ARPA) was enacted on 03/11/2021 that complied with the federal statutory requirements for public posting and comments but does not meet all of the requirements below, then the LEA must revise its plan no later than six months after receiving ARP ESSER funds

For further context, please reference ARPA (<https://www.congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/house-bill/1319/text>) or the Interim Final Requirements of ARP ESSER (<https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2021-04-22/pdf/2021-08359.pdf>).

I. General Information

1. LEA Name: Middleton School District
2. Date of Publication: 09/03/20, 01/21/21, 05/10/21, 08/16/21, 10/04/21

II. Transparency and Accessibility

1. This plan for the safe return to in-person instruction and continuity of services was published and made publicly available online here:
Description: sau69.org
2. Before making the plan publicly available, the LEA sought public comment on the plan and took such comments into account in the development of the plan (please check one).
Yes: ☒ Somewhat: ☐ No: ☐
Description: A very lengthy school board meeting at which each aspect of the plan was discussed, a question and answer session ensued and public input was taken.
3. The plan is in an understandable and uniform format (please check one):
Yes: ☒ Somewhat: ☐ No: ☐
Description: It is a word document with a table of contents and reference material for parents and school staff.
4. The plan, to the extent practicable, is written in a language that parents can understand or, if not practicable, orally translated (please check one):
Yes: ☒ Somewhat: ☐ No: ☐
Description: It is a word document in parent friendly language with a table of contents and reference material for parents and school staff.
5. The plan, upon request by a parent who is an individual with a disability, is provided in an alternative format accessible to that parent (please check one):
Yes: ☒ Somewhat: ☐ No: ☐
Description: We will provide an alternate format based on the particular need/request.

III. Health and Safety

1. How the LEA will maintain the health and safety of students, educators, and other school and LEA staff:

Description during SY20-21: The district is following the DHHS recommendations.

Description during SY21-22: The district is following the DHHS recommendations with the exception of mask wearing and social distancing.

2. The LEA's adoption of the following CDC health and safety strategies are described below:
(Note federal regulation on this plan requires such reporting, but does not require adoption of CDC safety recommendations. The NH DOE recognizes schools will implement localized safety measures based on the guidance provided by the CDC, NH Public Health, and local public health officials.)

- a. Universal and correct wearing of masks:

During SY20-21 (check one): Yes: ☐ Somewhat: ☐ No: ☒

During SY21-22 (check one): Yes: ☐ Somewhat: ☐ No: ☒

Description of both SYs: Masks became optional school year 20-21

This year masks have been optional.

- b. Physical distancing (e.g., use of cohorts/podding and modifying facilities):

During SY20-21 (check one): Yes: ☐ Somewhat: ☒ No: ☐

During SY21-22 (check one): Yes: ☐ Somewhat: ☐ No: ☒

Description of both SYs: 2020 distancing was 3 feet. With all students at school there is no room for physical distancing.

- c. Handwashing and respiratory etiquette:

During SY20-21 (check one): Yes: ☒ Somewhat: ☐ No: ☐

During SY21-22 (check one): Yes: ☒ Somewhat: ☐ No: ☐

Description of both SYs: Yes, this is part of all our Reopening/Stay Open plans.

- d. Cleaning and maintaining healthy facilities, including improving ventilation:

During SY20-21 (check one): Yes: ☒ Somewhat: ☐ No: ☐

During SY21-22 (check one): Yes: ☒ Somewhat: ☐ No: ☐

Description of both SYs: This is a new school all ventilation is in very good condition. System runs two hours before and and two hours after the school is occupied.

- e. Contact tracing in combination with isolation and quarantine, in collaboration with the State, local, territorial, and/or Tribal health departments:

During SY20-21 (check one): Yes: ☒ Somewhat: ☐ No: ☐

During SY21-22 (check one): Yes: ☒ Somewhat: ☐ No: ☐

Description of both SYs: Exactly as DHHS recommends

- f. Diagnostic and screening testing:

During SY20-21 (check one): Yes: ☒ Somewhat: ☐ No: ☐

During SY21-22 (check one): Yes: ☐ Somewhat: ☐ No: ☒

Description of both SYs: Screenings were done during 2021 SY. They were ineffective and not conducted 21-22 SY.

- g. Efforts to provide vaccinations to school communities:

During SY20-21 (check one): Yes: ☒ Somewhat: ☐ No: ☐

During SY21-22 (check one): Yes: ☒ Somewhat: ☐ No: ☐
 Description of both SYs: COVID vaccinations offered for staff 20-21 and 21-22 through Huggins Hospital with coordination by the school nurse.

h. Appropriate accommodations for children with disabilities with respect to health and safety policies:
 During SY20-21 (check one): Yes: ☒ Somewhat: ☐ No: ☐
 During SY21-22 (check one): Yes: ☒ Somewhat: ☐ No: ☐
 Description of both SYs: Accommodations are offered for student with disabilities with the assistance of their doctors

i. Coordination with state and local health officials (please check one):
 During SY20-21 (check one): Yes: ☒ Somewhat: ☐ No: ☐
 During SY21-22 (check one): Yes: ☒ Somewhat: ☐ No: ☐
 Description of both SYs: Collaboration with DHHS and Huggins Hospital.

IV. Continuity of Services

1. The LEA has provided continuity of services in addressing student academic needs:
 Description during SY20-21: Combination of in-person and hybrid learning in 2020-2021. Fully open April 3, 2021. Summer school and tutoring services offered.
 Description during SY21-22: In person learning beginning in September 2021. Summer school to be offered in the summer of 2022. Tutoring services offered throughout the year.
2. The LEA has provided continuity of services in addressing student social, emotional, mental, and other health needs, which may include student health and food services:
 Description during SY20-21: Every school has social emotional learning as part of the curriculum. All staff members have had training.
 Description during SY21-22: All schools have social emotional learning as part of the curriculum. All staff members have had training.
3. The LEA has provided continuity of services in addressing staff social, emotional, mental, and other health needs:
 Description during SY20-21: Yes, we have employee assistance programs.
 Description during SY21-22: Yes, we have employee assistance programs.

V. Plan Review

1. The LEA will meet the federal regulatory requirement to review and, as appropriate, revise its Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services Plan at least every six months through September 30, 2023 (the award period including the Tydings period). (Note an LEA that developed a plan before ARPA was enacted on 03/11/2021 that complied with the federal statutory requirements for public posting and comments but does not meet all of the requirements above must revise its plan no later than six months after the LEA receives LEA ESSER funds.)
 Yes: ☒ No: ☐
 Description: Our next formal review will be due in April, however, the plan has been revisited much more frequently than every six months.

2. In doing so, the LEA will meet the federal statutory requirement to seek public input and take such input into account in determining whether to revise the plan and, if revisions are determined necessary, on the revisions it makes to its plan.

Yes: ☒ No: ☐

Description: The LEA reviews the plan at board meetings and has a public input session.


3. In doing so, the LEA will also meet the federal regulatory requirement to address CDC safety recommendations and, if the CDC has updated its safety recommendations at the time the LEA is revising its plan, each of the updated CDC safety recommendations.
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Yes: ☒ No: ☐

Description: Updated CDC recommendations are considered when the plans are reviewed

VI. Authorization

LEA Superintendent's Signature:



Date:

8/14/21