



Denville Township Schools

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DENVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS SAFE RETURN PLAN UPDATE SEPTEMBER 2023

Applicant: 27 1090 Denville Township - Morris

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Cycle: Amendment 3

Project Period: 9/1/2021 - 8/31/2022

SAFE RETURN TO IN-PERSON INSTRUCTION

(1) IN GENERAL - A local educational agency receiving funds under this section shall develop and make publicly available on the local educational agency’s website, not later than 30 days after receiving the allocation of funds described in paragraph (d)(1), a plan for the safe return to in-person instruction and continuity of services.

2) COMMENT PERIOD.—Before making the plan described in paragraph (1) publicly available, the local educational agency shall seek public comment on the plan and take such comments into account in the development of the plan.

Support for Schools: Describe how the LEA will support its schools in safely returning to in-person instruction and sustaining safe operation. This description must include:

For each mitigation strategy listed below, please describe 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 CDC.

LEA Response Table

1) Universal and correct wearing of masks

([count] of 1000 maximum characters used)

The district is following Governors guideline. Mask are not required and not being used during the 23/24 school year

2) Physical distancing (e.g., including use of cohorts/podding)

([count] of 1000 maximum characters used)

The district is following Governors guideline. The district follows physical distancing as needed, but not required during the 23/24 school year

3) Handwashing and respiratory etiquette

([count] of 1000 maximum characters used)

The district is following Governors guideline. The district follows covid-19 protocols as needed, but not required during the 23/24 school year.

4) Cleaning and maintaining healthy facilities, including improving ventilation

([count] of 1000 maximum characters used)

The district is following Governors guideline. The district follows covid-19 protocols as needed. Ventilation improvement were addressed and required maintenance continues to be implemented.

5) Contact tracing in combination with isolation and quarantine, in collaboration with the State, local, territorial, or Tribal health departments

([count] of 1000 maximum characters used)

The district is following Governors guideline. The district follows covid-19 protocols as needed, but not required during the 23/24 school year.

6) Diagnostic and screening testing
([count] of 1000 maximum characters used)

The district is following Governors guideline. The district follows covid-19 protocols as needed, but not required during the 23/24 school year.

7) Efforts to provide vaccinations to educators, other staff, and students, if eligible
([count] of 1000 maximum characters used)

The district is following Governors guideline. The district follows covid-19 protocols as needed, but not required during the 23/24 school year.

8) Appropriate accommodations for children with disabilities with respect to health and safety policies
([count] of 1000 maximum characters used)

The district is following Governors guideline. Appropriate accommodation is provided for children with disabilities with respect to health and safety policies.

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Safe Return Plan Updated

Safe Return Plan text and assurances must be agreed to every six months.

Date Plan Updated

Describe 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. (310 of 1000 maximum characters used)

The District continues to provide additional services to address students' academic needs and students' and staff social mental services. The Denville Public School District partnered with St. Clare's Medical Center to provide mental and health service support for students and staff who wanted to participate.

Describe how the LEA sought public comment on its plan and how it took those public comment into account in the development of its plan. (528 of 1000 maximum characters used)

This plan was developed by a committee of staff members and reviewed by the Board of Education, district health advisors, Department of Health, School Physician and is available for review by members of the public and the full staff in draft format on the district website. The plan was discussed at a Board of Education meeting on August 21, 2023 which was advertised to the general public. On August 21, 2023, the public had the opportunity to make comments and ask questions about the plan during the public comment portions.

Describe how the LEA ensured that the plan is in an understandable and uniform format; is to the extent practicable written in a language that parents can understand or if not practicable to provide written translations to a parent with limited English proficiency will be orally translated for such a parent; and upon request by a parent who is an individual with a disability as defined by the ADA will be provided in an alternative format accessible to that parent. (273 of 1000 maximum characters used)

The plan was Board approved on 08/21/2023 and a presented during open public meeting to include community member's participation. Any member of the public may request a free translation of the document or for it to be read to them by contacting the superintendent's office.

Briefly describe any guidance professional learning and technical assistance opportunities the LEA will make available to its schools. (172 of 1000 maximum characters used)

The district provides professional guidance as well as technical support to all our staff and students, not just during the pandemic, but throughout the entire school year.

Provide current link to the district's website where the plan is posted.

By checking this box and saving the page, the applicant hereby certifies that they will assure that the information contained in the Safe Return to School plans will be updated within this system every 6 months during this grant project period.

Assurances Fully Agreed to By:

PRD 2.0 user ID: SFORTE271090

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Assurances

American Rescue Plan of 2021

Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund (ARP- ESSER)

- By checking this box and saving the page, the applicant hereby certifies that he/she has read, understood and will comply with the assurances listed below that will apply to any subsequent application amendments of all federal programs in which the LEA participates.

The Local Educational Agency (LEA) hereby assures the New Jersey Department of Education that:

1. The LEA, as a recipient of funds under the ARP understands the general assurances agreed to in the GMS system also apply to the ARP funds.
2. The LEA, as a recipient of federal funds under the ARP will determine the most important educational needs as a result of COVID-19, propose a timeline for providing services and assistance to students and staff, determine the extent to which the LEA intends to use funds awarded under the ARP to promote the authorized purposes and uses, and determine how the LEA intends to assess and address student learning loss resulting from the disruption in educational services. This information should be documented by the LEA and be available upon request by the NJDOE;
3. The LEA will ensure that funds awarded under the ARP are used for activities allowable under section 2001. All activities and expenditures must be reasonable, necessary, allocable under section 2001 and meet the purpose of the ARP, to prepare for, prevent and respond to COVID-19. Further, the LEA, as a recipient of funds under section 2001 of the ARP, will reserve not less than twenty percent (20%) of such funds to address learning loss through the implementation of evidence-based interventions, such as summer learning or summer enrichment, extended day, comprehensive afterschool programs, or extended school year programs, and ensure that such interventions respond to the students' academic, social, and emotional needs and address the disproportionate impact of the coronavirus on the student subgroups described in section 1111(b)(2)(B)(xi) of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20 USC § 6311(b)(2)(B)(xi), students experiencing homelessness, and children in foster care;
4. The LEA, as a recipient of funds under section 2001 of the ARP agrees to develop and comply with the requirements for a safe return to in-person instruction as required in section 2001(e) of the ARP;
5. The LEA will use such fiscal control and fund accounting procedures as will ensure proper disbursement of, and accounting for, Federal funds paid to the LEA under the ARP. LEA will utilize Grants Management System (EWEG) to budget and report financial expenditures relating to ESSER funds provided under the ARP. Further, upon request by NJDOE, the LEA will provide documentation to support claims for expenditures, including expenditure ledgers, invoices, receipts and documentation to support purchases and proof of services received;
6. The LEA will adopt and use proper methods of administering funds received under the ARP Act, including:
 - A. The enforcement of any obligations imposed by law on agencies, institutions, organizations, and other recipients responsible for carrying out each federal award; and

- B. The correction of deficiencies in operations that are identified through audits, monitoring, or evaluation.
7. The LEA will ensure that any and all internet connectivity purchases are in compliance with the Child Internet Protection Act (CIPA);
 8. The LEA, as a recipient of funds under the ARP will comply with the provisions of all applicable acts, regulations and assurances, including the New Jersey School Code, the New Jersey Administrative Code, orders and guidance from the New Jersey State Department of Education, NJDOE State Board of Education, and the following provisions of Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR) 34 CFR parts 76, 77, 81, 82, 84, 97, 98, and 99; the OMB Guidelines to Agencies on Governmentwide Debarment and Suspension (Nonprocurement) in 2 CFR part 180, as adopted and amended as regulations of the Department in 2 CFR part 3485; and the Uniform Guidance in 2 CFR part 200, as adopted and amended as regulations of the Department in 2 CFR part 3474.

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