



Safe Return to In-Person Instruction & Continuity of Services Plan

Fairfield Local School District - (as required by the ARP ESSER III Grant)

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The Fairfield Local School District is committed to educating all students. The Board of Education, administration, staff, and community believes that the best place for children to learn is in-person while in a safe and conducive environment. With this belief in mind and in collaboration with the Highland County Health Department and district stakeholders, the district will remain open full-time moving forward and for the duration of the 2021-2022 school year. This enabled students and families to return to a normal mental and emotionally healthy routine. In addition, all students including those with special needs, received all of their services in accordance with local, state, and federal laws.

The district fully complied with state and local health orders until the Ohio health orders ended on June 2, 2021. School officials will continue to communicate with the Highland County Health Department to implement safety protocols.

Facial Coverings:

The wearing of facial coverings (masks) for students, staff, and the public is voluntary, but is recommended for those who have elevated health risks or have not been vaccinated. If state or local health orders change during a time of elevated communicable disease community spread, the superintendent may require the correct use of facial coverings in accordance with Board Policy.

Temperature Check:

The district will continue to utilize temperature checks for all students, staff and visitors as they enter the building.

Physical Distancing:

The district will continue to utilize physical distance protocol in classrooms and in lunch rooms, when possible. Signage also reminds people of the importance of physical distancing.

Handwashing:

In accordance with CDC guidelines, staff, students, and visitors are encouraged to frequently wash hands for 20 seconds with soap and water or use a hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol. Hand sanitizer is provided in every classroom, office, school bus and common areas and handwashing signs are placed throughout the facilities.

Cleaning & Maintaining Healthy Facilities:

- 1.) The district utilizes electrostatic disinfectant sprayers throughout the facilities. Common areas such as the lunch rooms, are also disinfected between groups.
- 2.) Staff and student training is provided to ensure adherence to the safety protocols. Signage and public announcements are used to inform the community of the expectations.
- 3.) When practical, buses will open vents or open windows to increase outside air flow.
- 4.) The district will be upgrading HVAC units to help with the flow of air and UV sanitation.
- 5.) The district will keep all typical cleaning protocols in place.

Contact Tracing, Isolation, and Quarantine:

- 1.) Anyone who is experiencing COVID-19 symptoms is not permitted on school grounds. All visitors must enter through a buzzer door system at the main office of the building where they will verify that they are not experiencing illness symptoms.
- 2.) The district nurse will monitor absences and provide notice to parents related to the amount of time a student should remain at home when ill.
- 3.) The district will follow all mandated Highland County Health Department protocols for the quarantine and isolation of staff and students.

Vaccination Efforts:

- 1.) The district collaborated with the Highland County Health Department to make vaccinations available and convenient for staff and eligible students.

2.) The district will continue to partner with local health officials to provide vaccination opportunities for staff, students, and the community.

Continuity of Services:

- 1.) The district plans to continue full in-person learning.
- 2.) In the event of school closure due to the pandemic, the district purchased Chromebooks for all students. Staff has received extensive training to deliver content virtually. A blended and full remote learning plan as been developed and parents, staff and students have been instructed on each of the plans.
- 3.) The district will continue to use MAP and other appropriate assessments to assess students in grades K-12 to ensure that students are progressing as expected and interventions are made as needed through the Response to Intervention protocol.
- 5.) The district will continue to offer summer/after school learning opportunities during the 21-22 school year.
- 6.) A summer learning plan was implemented in 2021 for grades K-12.
- 7.) Summer credit recovery is offered for grades 9-12 through Jefferson County ESC.

Social and Emotional and Mental Health Needs:

- 1.) The district utilizes Positive Behavior Intervention and Supports (PBIS) K-12.
- 2.) All staff (k-12) will receive PBIS tier II training during the 2021-2022 school year.
- 3.) All students have access to in-school mental health services through Counseling Source, the Guidance Counselor or school Social Worker.

Student Health:

- 1.) The district employs a full time nurse and aide to monitor and run the heath clinic.
- 2.) All students will receive free breakfast and lunch for the 2021-22 school year through the USDA. If school is closed due to a pandemic, the district will assess its ability to deliver meals directly to student homes utilizing the same process it used during the spring of 2020.

This plan was created in June of 2021 in collaboration with the district's various stakeholders using the following methods: surveys to staff, surveys to students, surveys to parents, open

discussion at board of education meetings, and administrator meetings. The district will continue to assess and adjust procedures in accordance with state guidelines, local guidelines, and stakeholder input. The plan will be reviewed at least semi-annually. This document was posted to the website on June 24, 2021 for public access.

American Rescue Plan (ARP) - Local Use of Funds Plan Summary:

The full, detailed plan can be accessed through the [Ohio Department of Education's Comprehensive Continuous Improvement Plan \(CCIP\)](#).

The district will utilize federal American Rescue Plan funding in the following ways:

- ARP funds will be reserved and used to address the academic impact of lost instructional time using the following methods: summer learning & enrichment, evidence based math instruction coaching, evidence based reading instruction coaching, and evidence based special education instruction.
- In addition to the reserved funds above, the district will utilize ARP funds to create a new preschool classroom to more effectively address young children's instruction and social-emotional issues. We will also hire a full-time social worker to address social-emotional issues. Purchase student assessments to assess learning gaps.
- We will bolster the services provided to our students disproportionately impacted by COVID-19 by increasing the number of special education staff, increase staffing relating to social-emotional issues, and improve instruction of the subjects with the largest learning gaps through coaching & professional development.
- The district will be full-time, in-person. But, the district utilized state/local funds to promote remote learning including going 1-to-1. We will continue technology purchases, including with ARP funds & local/state funds, to bolster our fleet of student & staff devices. We will also review, maintain, and improve our networking infrastructure including wifi ability in the school buildings as well as student and staff homes to support our technology device usage and ensure successful remote learning when necessary.
- The district will assess student learning gaps with student assessment tools (including but not limited to MAPS and DIBELS). The district will address the student learning gaps with a multi-tier system of supports, interventions, coaching, and staffing increases.
- The purchase of disinfecting supplies & equipment, measures to improve air quality, and facilities changes to allow for increased social distancing in conjunction with state and local funds.

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