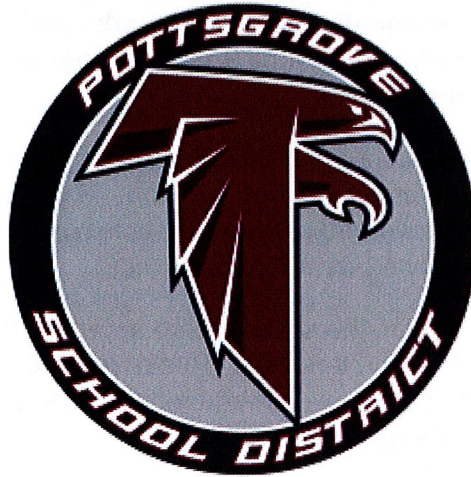




ARP ESSER Health and Safety Plan

2024-2025



Initial Effective Date: January 14, 2024

Date of Last Review: August 13, 2024

Date of Last Revision: August 8, 2023

1. How will the LEA, to the greatest extent practicable, support prevention and mitigation policies in line with the most up-to-date guidance from the CDC for the reopening and operation of school facilities in order to continuously and safely open and operate schools for in-person learning?

The District will continually review the most recent guidance and mandates from the Center for Disease Control (CDC), the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE), the Pennsylvania Department of Health (PADOH), and the Montgomery County Office of Public Health (MCOPH).

This plan will be reviewed as new guidance is released and requires a change in practice. Even when new guidance does not require a change in practice, it is mandated that the plan be reviewed at least every six months. The American Rescue Plan requires the development and maintenance of a Health and Safety Plan through September 30, 2024. Changes will be communicated to the PGSD community through messenger and posting to our website, pgsd.org.

2. How will the LEA ensure continuity of services, including but not limited to services to address the students' academic needs, and students' and staff members' social, emotional, mental health, and other needs, which may include student health and food services?

The District will provide in-person instruction five (5) days per week unless an emergency declaration prevents in-person learning. In addition, Pottsgrove School District will offer the Pottsgrove Virtual Academy option using third party providers (Ed Options Academy, Brandywine Virtual Academy, etc.).

For the 2022-2023 school year, the school board approved the 520.1 Emergency Instructional Time resolution and template. This document details the District's plans to provide remote instruction should we be required to close while continuing to meet 180 day and 900/990 hour statutory requirements.

Student needs are routinely and universally screened to monitor and identify achievement and growth. The Pupil Services Department provides regular and sustained assistance for students and families. This occurs through guidance counselors, school psychologists, social workers, and school nurses all offering social, emotional, and mental health for students and families. Pottsgrove School District has implemented Second Step, a research-based social/emotional learning program to support our elementary students.

Our Employee Assistance Program will be available to staff in need of support.

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3. Use the table below to explain 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 policy on each of the following safety recommendations established by the CDC.

In all instances within the table below, the District shall consider the recommendations of the Center for Disease Control, the Pennsylvania Department of Health, and the Montgomery County Office of Public Health for all decision making. When guidance differs from one or more of the health advisories, the district will discuss and determine the best way to proceed with the information available.

ARP ESSER Requirement	Strategies, Policies, and Procedures
<p>a. Universal and correct wearing of <u>masks</u>;</p>	<p>All staff and students are permitted to wear a mask.</p> <p>If an individual is known to have tested positive for COVID-19, the individual should stay home for five days from the start of symptoms and wear a mask on days 6-10.</p> <p>In the event of an outbreak, the district may consider mitigation strategies including recommendations for short term masking.</p>
<p>b. Modifying facilities to allow for <u>physical distancing</u> (e.g., use of cohorts/podding);</p>	<p>In the event of an outbreak, the district may consider mitigation strategies including recommendations for short term physical distancing.</p>
<p>c. <u>Handwashing and respiratory etiquette</u>;</p>	<p>Adequate supplies will be purchased and maintained in all facilities, including soap, hand sanitizer, paper towels, and tissues.</p>
<p>d. <u>Cleaning</u> and maintaining healthy facilities, including improving <u>ventilation</u>;</p>	<p>Cleaning will follow a typical after school schedule.</p> <p>HVAC operation will follow ASHRAE Reopening of Schools recommendations to the maximum extent possible.</p>
<p>e. <u>Contact tracing</u> in combination with <u>isolation</u> and <u>quarantine</u>, in collaboration with the State and local health departments;</p>	<p>Per MCOPH guidelines, quarantine and contact tracing will not be required.</p> <p>The District will require an isolation period for anyone who tests positive for COVID-19 for the period of time recommended and required by the Montgomery County Office of Public Health.</p>

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<p>f. <u>Diagnostic and screening testing;</u></p>	<p>Staff should continue to self-monitor and remain home if not feeling well.</p> <p>Parents should continue to monitor children and keep students home if not feeling well.</p>
<p>g. <u>Efforts to provide vaccinations to school communities;</u></p>	<p>The District will pursue partnerships with county and local health organizations to offer future vaccination clinics in school district facilities for students, staff, family members, and community members as needed.</p> <p>The District will provide information on vaccination sites and availability through multiple means of communication.</p>
<p>h. Appropriate accommodations for students with disabilities with respect to health and safety policies; and</p>	<p>Regardless of instructional model, students with disabilities will be provided accommodations as needed to ensure access to a Free Appropriate Public Education (FAPE).</p> <p>Meetings for students with IEPs and 504s will be arranged as needed to discuss risks to students and applicable accommodations.</p>
<p>i. Coordination with state and local health officials.</p>	<p>The District will continue to work closely with the Montgomery County Office of Public Health on an as needed basis.</p>

Health and Safety Plan Governing Body Affirmation Statement

The Board of Directors for Pottsgrove School District reviewed and approved the initial Health and Safety Plan on August 8, 2023. The plan was previously revised at the January 14, 2024, school board meeting. The plan was reviewed once again, as required every six months, at the August 13, 2024 school board meeting.

The plan was approved by a vote of:

Yes

No

Affirmed on: August 13, 2024

By:



(Signature* of Board President)



(Print Name of Board President)

*Electronic signatures on this document are acceptable using one of the two methods detailed below.

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