



ARP ESSER Health and Safety Plan Guidance & Template

Section 2001(i)(1) of the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act requires each local education agency (LEA) that receives funding under the ARP Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) Fund to develop and make publicly available on the LEA's website a *Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services Plan*, hereinafter referred to as a *Health and Safety Plan*.

Based on ARP requirements, 90 percent of ARP ESSER funds will be distributed to school districts and charter schools based on their relative share of Title I-A funding in FY 2020-2021. **Given Federally required timelines, LEAs eligible to apply for and receive this portion of the ARP ESSER funding must submit a Health and Safety Plan that meets ARP Act requirements to the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) by Friday, July 30, 2021, regardless of when the LEA submits its ARP ESSER application.**

Each LEA must create a Health and Safety Plan that addresses how it will maintain the health and safety of students, educators, and other staff, and which will serve as local guidelines for all instructional and non-instructional school activities during the period of the LEA's ARP ESSER grant. The Health and Safety Plan should be tailored to the unique needs of each LEA and its schools and must take into account public comment related to the development of, and subsequent revisions to, the Health and Safety Plan.

The ARP Act and U.S. Department of Education rules require Health and Safety plans include the following components:

1. How the LEA will, to the greatest extent practicable, implement prevention and mitigation policies in line with the most up-to-date guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) for the reopening and operation of school facilities in order to continuously and safely open and operate schools for in-person learning;
2. How the LEA will 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;
3. 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:

* The July 30 deadline applies only to school districts and charter schools that received federal Title I-A funds in FY 2020-2021 and intend to apply for and receive ARP ESSER funding.

Additional Resources

LEAs are advised to review the following resources when developing their Health and Safety Plans:

- [CDC K-12 School Operational Strategy](#)
- [PDE Resources for School Communities During COVID-19](#)
- [PDE Roadmap for Education Leaders](#)
- [PDE Accelerated Learning Through an Integrated System of Support](#)
- [PA Department of Health - COVID-19 in Pennsylvania](#)

These measures include, but are not limited to the following:

- Professional Development
 - (1) Focus on Suicide Awareness and Prevention
 - (2) Social Emotion Learning
 - (3) Equity and Inclusion
- Partnerships with Dauphin County and community organizations
- Expanded Student Assistance Teams

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.

ARP ESSER Requirement	Strategies, Policies, and Procedures
a. Universal and correct wearing of <u>masks</u> ;	Effective March 28, 2022, Masks are encouraged but not required in all Steelton-Highspire School District buildings District administration will monitor and review local transmission data monthly, at minimum. As local/county transmission level and guidance from the CDC and PDE change, the District administration will recommend changes for masking to the school board as appropriate. It is possible that the mask optional approach set forth above may change in the future as circumstances in a building, classroom, or district change or when legal requirements regarding masking require a different approach.
b. Modifying facilities to allow for <u>physical distancing</u> (e.g., use of cohorts/podding);	Students should be socially distanced whenever possible.

e. Contact tracing in combination with isolation and quarantine, in collaboration with the State and local health departments;

Provide regular information on SHSD website and in parent flyers/letters as needed.

Prepare parents and families for remote learning if a class or school is temporarily dismissed.

Effective March 28, 2022:

Students, staff, and educators who are in close contact with a positive case and are not experiencing symptoms of COVID-19 will not be subject to restriction from school or school activities, regardless of vaccination status.

Students, staff, and educators who test positive for COVID-19 or are in close contact with a positive case and are experiencing symptoms of COVID-19 will be required to isolate or quarantine as required under Commonwealth and CDC directives and per the direction of their health care provider.

Contact tracing will not occur during any period of optional masking

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f. Diagnostic and screening testing;

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All students and parents/guardians are required to perform a symptom screening prior to arriving at school or at the bus stop each day.

No student with symptoms will be sent on a bus or brought to school.

All district staff will perform a symptom screen on themselves prior to leaving for work and will stay home if ill.

Students and staff will consistently be made aware of the signs and symptoms of COVID-19.

Students and staff will go to the nurse immediately if feeling symptomatic. If Covid-19 symptoms are determined, they will be sent to an isolation area for further evaluation.

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Health and Safety Plan Governing Body Affirmation Statement

The Board of Directors/Trustees for **Steelton-Highspire School District** reviewed and approved the Health and Safety Plan on **Month** October **Day** 9 **Year** 2024.

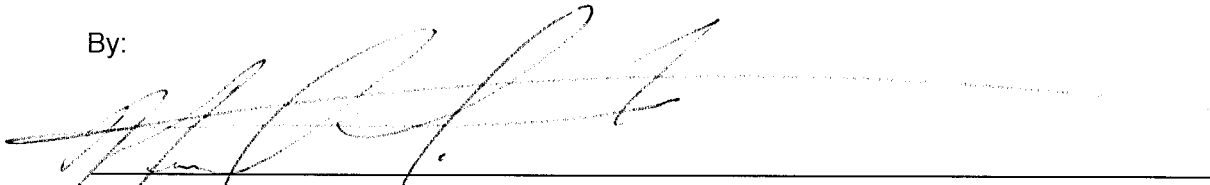
The plan was approved by a vote of:

7 Yes

0 No

Affirmed on: **MONTH** October **DAY** 9 **YEAR** 2024

By:



(Signature* of Board President)

Micheal Wanner

(Print Name of Board President)

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

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