

Washington-Nile Local School District

American Rescue Plan (ARP ESSER) Continuity of Service Plan

General Statement on Return to School Plans:

It is the intention of the **Washington-Nile Local School District** (049650) to continue full in-person learning, for all students in grades Preschool through twelve, beginning the first day of the 2021-2022 school year. The district will follow guidelines set forth in Ohio Department of Health, CDC Guidance, and Local Health Department guidance. It is our intention to operate on a five day per week basis, in accordance with the board approved school calendar.

Section One: Description of Mitigation Strategies:

<u>Strategy</u>	<u>Description</u>
Universal and Correct Wearing of Masks	The school district will follow all current CDC, Ohio Department of Health, and Scioto County Health Department guidance as it is updated for face covering requirements, for both students and staff.
Physical Distancing	Reasonable efforts will be made to practice social distancing for students and staff. The most current guidance for distancing will be followed.
Handwashing & Respiratory Etiquette	The school district will maintain healthy practices such as sanitizing cafeterias between lunches, scheduling regular cleaning for classrooms, restrooms, and other areas, and disinfecting buses after AM and PM routes and/or more often if the need arises.
Cleaning/Sanitizing of Facilities	Enhanced cleaning protocols will be in place at all times. Sanitizing wipes, disinfectant, and gloves will be stocked in each classroom. Custodial staff will enhance their cleaning of touchpoints both during the school day and after school hours, and will use the Clorox 360 machine to sanitize classrooms, office areas, common areas, and buses on a regular basis. District vehicles will be sanitized and disinfected on a regular basis as well.
Ventilation Improvements	The district has improved the air quality in all district buildings. New and enhanced chillers and control systems have allowed this to occur. Air filters have been purchased for all occupied areas. Air flow studies are currently being conducted.
Contact Tracing, Isolation, & Quarantine Procedures	The district will work with the Scioto County Health Department to follow all protocols for quarantines, contact tracing, isolation, and other related procedures. Orders will be issued by the school superintendent, as directed by the local health commissioner. Quarantine and isolation lengths will be determined by the most recent CDC and Scioto County Health Department guidance.
Diagnostic & Screening Testing for COVID	COVID Rapid tests will be available, as supplied by the Ohio Department of Health, for students or staff members who request them. However, no students or staff members will have tests administered by school staff. All test kits provided to the district will be housed in the nurse's office in each school building.
Vaccination Efforts	During the 2020-2021 school year, all staff of the district were given the opportunity to receive the COVID vaccine. Staff members and students who are not vaccinated, but eligible for the vaccine, will be encouraged to be vaccinated. The school district will partner with our local health department to provide opportunities for student vaccinations.
Accommodations for Students with Disabilities	Students with disabilities will receive accommodations as determined by the IEP team of the child, and will be made on an individual student basis. Exemption from state and local health orders and CDC guidance will be used, as needed, to meet the needs of identified students. The District cooperates with the Ohio Department of Education, ODE State Support Team Region 15 and the South Central Ohio Educational Service Center in addressing students' academic needs.

Section Two: Continuity of Services

Plan for Addressing Student Academic Needs:

- The District cooperates with the Ohio Department of Education, ODE State Support Team Region 15 and the South Central Ohio Educational Service Center in addressing students' academic needs. Procedures and plans that have been established outlining methods to meet the academic needs and learning gaps of students, both to recover from the pandemic and school closures as well as to meet the needs of students in general. The district has installed hotspots on campus and throughout the district. Chromebooks or iPads have been provided for all students and teachers.

Plan for Addressing Student Social, Emotional, and Mental Health:

- The attached "Learning Recovery and Extended Learning Plan" outlines the work being done in the school district to meet the social and emotional needs of students. Programs such as our social emotional learning class in the elementary and middle school, BOTVIN life skills, and other programs are already established and have proven to meet the needs of our students both socially and emotionally.
- The school district will continue to partner with local mental health professionals to provide services to those in need, in addition to the basic Tier One level supports for all students.
- Using ARP ESSER funds, the district plans to add mental health counselors to be housed in the district to provide direct services to students who need them.

Plan for Addressing Staff Social, Emotional, and Mental Health:

- For any school staff member who needs support, counselors in each building are available to offer them support. If extensive counseling is needed, a referral can be made for them to an outside agency.
- Staff recognition programs are in place in the district to motivate and recognize the hard work of all staff members throughout the school year.
- If needed, the Ohio Education Association can provide mental health support to its members from approved counselors within their organization.

Food Service Plan for Remote Learning/School Closures:

- If school is closed due to the pandemic, plans are already established for the continuity of food service for students.
- In cases of intermittent remote learning, the school cafeteria can provide lunches to those students who are learning remotely for part of the time and learning in-person on other days.
- During times of full closures, a plan is established to provide meal delivery, via district buses. This program was implemented during the 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 school years. The process can be re-established immediately, if needed. The school district also partners with local organizations such as the Steven Hunter Power Pack (weekend meals) program.

Section Three: Plan Review and Revisions

<u>Projected Review Date</u>	<u>Actual Date</u>	<u>Revisions/Notes</u>
August 2021		
December 2021		
June 2022		
December 2022		
June 2023		
December 2023		

Section Four: Description of Public Input Opportunities

Public participation at regularly scheduled board meetings may be utilized to receive public input for planning purposes.

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