

Eden CISD Return to In-Person Instruction & Continuity of Services (RIPICS) Plan

Introduction

American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act statute requires that LEAs develop and make publicly available their plans for the safe return to in-person instruction and continuity of services. A summary of Eden CISD's plan is below.

Effective Date of Plan

This plan is effective as of June 1, 2021.

Public Comment & Stakeholder Input

This plan was developed in consultation with stakeholders after soliciting public comment via Eden CISD Board of Trustees meetings (May 20, 2021; June 17, 2021, December, 2021, May 12, 2022), focus group meetings, electronic surveys to students, staff, and community.

Ongoing Review & Publication of Plan

The plan was drafted in July of 2021 and posted to the LEA website (<https://www.edencisd.net/browse/147792>). Every six months, the Eden CISD will review the plan in accordance with the latest guidance from the CDC, state and local governments. If revisions are needed to the plan, public input will be solicited, and stakeholders will be meaningfully consulted. The revised version of the plan will then be posted on the website. The chart below provides information on this ongoing process.

Return to In-Person Instruction & Continuity of Services Plan Review		
2021-2022 Year 1	<u>Date of Initial Plan:</u> June 1, 2021	<u>Six Month Review Date:</u> December 1, 2021 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No revision needed <input type="checkbox"/> Revisions were made
2022-2023 Year 2	<u>Six Month Review Date:</u> May 12, 2022 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No revision needed <input type="checkbox"/> Revisions were made	<u>End of Grant Period Review Date:</u> June 1, 2023 <input type="checkbox"/> No revision needed <input type="checkbox"/> Revisions were made
2023-2024 (Carryover Year)	Last required review is 9/30/2023 ~Grant ends 9/30/24~	

General Instructional Settings

Eden CISD will offer only in-person learning for the 2022-23 school year. All learning will take place face-to-face at the campus building for all students and staff.

Provisions to Reduce Risk of Exposure to Health Hazards

Eden CISD will follow a masks optional policy for the foreseeable future, depending on guidelines from the Texas Education Agency (TEA) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Systems & Procedures

Eden CISD will continue to socially distance when feasible. The district will offer masks to those students who ask for them. Hand sanitizer is available at all entrances at campus buildings. Bus routes are socially distanced when feasible. The district offers COVID-19 rapid testing and has partnered with Concho County Hospital (CCH) for vaccinations for staff and students. Lunch times in the cafeteria have been staggered to reduce the numbers of students in the building at one time. Visitors to the campus have been limited to reduce exposure of staff and students.

Modifications to Facilities

Plexiglass barriers will be used in early elementary grades (Kinder through two). The district will move into a new campus building in the Spring of 2022, which will have updated HVAC facilities.

Students' Academic Needs

Eden CISD will provide extended school year services during the summer of 2021 to help students. The focus of the secondary instruction will be to get help for high school students to pass the STAAR End of Course exams. Students will receive intensive, accelerated instruction for math and English Language Arts.

Students' Social, Emotional, Mental Health Needs

The district plans to implement a social-emotional learning curriculum into the year for 2022-23. The site-based decision-making committee will consider programs that explicitly teach the skills that our student population needs. The student population in Eden, which is 60% economically disadvantaged, has specific needs when addressing students from poverty. The SEL curriculum must fit the criteria developed by this committee.

Staff's Social, Emotional, Mental Health Needs

Eden CISD teacher retention rates have historically been higher than the state average. The Texas state average is 16%, and the turnover rate for Eden CISD some years has been up to 40%. Keeping teachers in a small, rural district is difficult. The district will use retention bonuses twice each school year to help retain staff. Along with the retention stipends,

Questions

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