

## **Explorers Academy of Science and Technology**

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

(American Rescue Plan – ESSER III)

*The following is a draft of the school's plan, and it is being made available in an effort to obtain public input on the proposed strategies and whether any revisions to the plan are appropriate. The school will accept public comment on the plan at the March governing board meeting and will take comments it receives into account in developing the final plan, which will be posted to the school's website. Subsequently, the plan will be reviewed periodically, but no less frequently than every six months through September 30, 2023, to determine whether any revisions are necessary. The school will seek public input prior to making any subsequent revisions to the plan.*

The following strategies and procedures are established based on CDC safety recommendations for safely returning to in-person instruction while maintaining the **health and safety of students and staff**:

**“For the 2021 -2022 school year, Explorers Academy of Science and Technology will follow all mandates/requirements required by the Governor, Ohio/ County Department of Health, and Ohio Department of Education. These mandates/requirements may affect any/all proposed courses of action.”**

- a. Universal and correct wearing of masks:  
**All students and staff will be given the option to wear a mask on school grounds.**
- b. Physical distancing:  
**Physical distancing practices at a minimum of three (3) feet whenever possible.**
- c. Handwashing and respiratory etiquette:  
**We will still encourage and use our protocols for frequent handwashing and/or sanitizing.**
- d. Cleaning and maintaining healthy facilities, including improving ventilation:  
**We will use our protocols for frequent cleaning and maintaining healthy facilities, and other mitigation protocols.**
- e. Contact tracing in combination with isolation and quarantine, in collaboration with the state, local, territorial, or tribal health departments:  
**These protocols are continuously reviewed with the County Public Health and may be modified or changed at during of the 2021-2022 school year**

accordingly. The school will follow all local and state protocols with isolation and quarantine.

- f. Diagnostic and screening testing:  
**The school will coordinate with the County Public Health regarding all testing.**
- g. Efforts to provide vaccinations to educators, other staff and students, if eligible:  
**The school will share information of available vaccination clinics to all eligible stakeholders.**
- h. Appropriate accommodations for children with disabilities with respect to the health and safety policies:  
**Accommodations for students with disabilities will be provided.**

The school will take the following steps to ensure continuity of services including but not limited to services to address the **students' academic needs, and students' and staff social, emotional, mental health and other needs, which may include student health and food services:**

#### **PLAN TO ADDRESS CONTINUITY OF ACADEMIC AND NON-ACADEMIC SERVICES**

- 1) Academic Services -
  - a) **The school is offering an expanded summer intervention program for students to address the learning loss that occurred during COVID-19. The impact of this program will be monitored utilizing pre and post assessment data.**
  - b) **During the 2021-2022 school year, the school will engage in strategies to address learning recovery and acceleration including the following:**
    - i) **Using and analyzing data**
    - ii) **Planning for accelerated learning options and individualized learning**
    - iii) **Strengthening content-specific strategies for learning recovery in Mathematics and English Language Arts**
    - iv) **High-quality professional development around evidence-based strategies and utilization of resources to provide equitable instruction to all students**

- 2) **Social-Emotional & Mental Health - Social-emotional learning and mental health will be addressed during the 2021-2022 school year.**
  - a) **Teachers will engage students in evidence-based strategies to address both social-emotional learning and mental health needs.**
  - b) **Staff are available to address individual student needs as they arise.**
  - c) **The school will proactively address social-emotional needs of both students and staff at the start of the 2021-2022 school year. Progress will be monitored through use of Social-Emotional Survey, which will be administered over the course of the year.**
  
- 3) **Health -**
  - a) **The school has a designated room or space where students or employees who are feeling ill are evaluated.**
  - b) **The office manager monitors absences and conducts contact tracing of any positive COVID-19 cases with staff and students. Quarantine protocols set forth by the Ohio Department of Health are followed in such cases.**
  
- 4) **Food - Food service will be pre-packaged and distributed at the school.**

Prior to finalizing this plan, the school posted a draft of the plan on the school's website and provided the public with an opportunity to provide comment during the March governing board meeting.

The school will review this plan and, as appropriate, revise the plan, no less frequently than every six months through September 30, 2023.