
District Plan

Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services



OVERVIEW

The American Rescue Plan Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ARP ESSER) Fund under the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act of 2021, Public Law 117-2, enacted on March 11, 2021, provides money to states and school districts to help safely reopen and sustain the safe operation of schools and address the impact of the coronavirus pandemic on the nation's students. As a part of this plan each school district is required to publish a reentry plan which is included below for Blue Valley Schools. The District will review this plan at least once every six months and will provide an opportunity for public input in association with any review of the plan.

MAINTAINING HEALTH AND SAFETY OF STUDENTS, EDUCATORS AND STAFF

Described below is how the district will maintain the health and safety of students, educators, and other staff per the safety recommendations established by the CDC.

Universal and correct wearing of masks

Following the Public Health Order issued by the Board of Commissioners of Johnson County on August 5, Blue Valley Schools will require all early childhood and K-8 students, staff and visitors to wear masks inside school buildings beginning August 9, 2021. Beginning Nov. 29, masks are optional for grades 9 and above, including staff and visitors. If the total percentage of positive cases and exclusions at a building rises above 3 percent, masking requirements will return for a minimum of 2 weeks. Unless otherwise required, children, faculty, staff and visitors of all ages do not need to wear masks when outdoors on

school property. In addition, all individuals must wear a mask when utilizing district-provided transportation (including buses and vans).

Modifying facilities to allow for physical distancing (*e.g.*, use of cohorts/podding)

Appropriate distancing is encouraged when possible. If, due to the activity or venue, appropriate distancing on a regular basis cannot be maintained, barrier face masks are encouraged for those individuals who are not vaccinated.

Handwashing and respiratory etiquette

Individuals are encouraged to wash hands or use hand sanitizer frequently. Hand sanitizer and stations for hand washing are located in close vicinity of all classrooms or offices within Blue Valley. Hands should be washed or sanitized before and after using shared supplies. Covering coughs and sneezes is always recommended.

Cleaning and maintaining healthy facilities, including improving ventilation

In spaces that are regularly occupied, enhanced cleaning and maintenance protocols will continue to be used.

Increased outdoor air through our HVAC system will continue to be used as a mitigation strategy. The activities taking place in each space in a building will help determine the amount of fresh outside air utilized.

Contact tracing in combination with isolation and quarantine, in collaboration with the State, local, territorial, or Tribal health departments

Contact tracing will be done in cooperation with the Johnson County Department of Health and Environment.

Diagnostic and screening testing.

Diagnostic and screening testing is available throughout the community and the district will work with the Johnson County Department of Health and Environment to communicate these options.

Efforts to provide vaccinations to school communities

Blue Valley will communicate vaccination clinic options in the community and will partner with organizations if they want to utilize our facilities outside of school hours to provide clinics. The District will act in accordance with state and federal law with respect to vaccinations for its staff and eligible students.

Appropriate accommodations for children with disabilities with respect to health and safety policies

Blue Valley will provide accommodations to its policies for students with disabilities as determined appropriately based upon the individual student needs and in accordance with an individual accommodation plan or individualized education plan. Students requiring accommodations should contact the building administrator to request information on plans for students with disabilities

Coordination with State and local health officials

Blue Valley administrators and the Health Services team meet regularly with the Johnson County Department of Health and Environment.

Continuity of Services

Addressing students' academic needs

Blue Valley will continue to evaluate student needs throughout the 2021-22 school year. The District plans to continue full time, in-person instruction. Instructional personnel will be allocated to implement further academic recovery efforts in core curriculum areas. Recovery efforts will be available during the instructional day and/or during before and after school tutoring programs throughout the year.

Addressing students' and staff social, emotional, mental health

Blue Valley has incorporated social emotional learning and interventions as part of our Multi-Tiered Systems of Support at each school level. Social-emotional and mental health needs of students will continue to be evaluated throughout the 2021-22 school year. The District has mental health teams of counselors, school psychologists and social workers in every school ready to assist students and families with social and emotional needs.

Blue Valley has provided staff with opportunities for social and emotional supports through the school's Employee Assistance Program (EAP) new directions. The District employs an employee wellness coordinator paid for by our insurance provider who develops and communicates various programs to meet the social emotional needs of staff.

Student health and food services

Blue Valley is offering free breakfast and lunch for all students age 18 and under throughout the 2021-22 school year.

Every school in Blue Valley has a registered nurse available during school hours to assist with health needs.

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