



Otto-Eldred School District ARP ESSER Health and Safety Plan 2023-2024

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*.

Health and Safety Plan Summary: **OTTO-ELDRED SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Initial Effective Date: **AUGUST 1, 2022**

Date of Last Review: **AUGUST 2024**

Date of Last Revision: **AUGUST 13, 2024**

The ARP Act requires LEAs to review their Health and Safety Plans at least every six months during the period of the LEA's ARP ESSER grant. LEAs also must review and update their plans whenever there are significant changes to the CDC recommendations for K-12 schools. Like the development of the plan, all revisions must be informed by community input and reviewed and approved by the governing body prior to posting on the LEA's publicly available website.

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 masks ;	<p>In School & On School Transportation: OESD will implement a mask-optional policy for students and staff.</p> <p>Otto-Eldred will support all students and staff that voluntarily wear facemasks.</p> <p>Available facemasks will be provided to all as requested.</p>
b. Modifying facilities to allow for physical distancing (e.g., use of cohorts/podding);	N/A
c. Handwashing and respiratory etiquette ;	<p>-Students will be provided a routine that includes sanitizing /washing of hands at appropriate times throughout the day.</p> <p>-Hygiene practices, especially in primary levels, will be specifically taught and reinforced.</p> <p>-Updated signage will be placed around the school supporting proper hygiene practices.</p>
d. Cleaning and maintaining healthy facilities, including improving ventilation ;	<p>-Custodial staff will continue to sanitize common touch areas during the day.</p> <p>-Classrooms will be provided appropriate cleaning supplies and soap/sanitizer.</p> <p>-Ionized air filtration will be in use in all building spaces for 2022-23.</p>
e. Contact tracing in combination with isolation and quarantine , in collaboration with the State and local health departments;	<p>OESD will refer any contact tracing to appropriate agency.</p> <p>-Nurse staff will adhere to past practice related to fever or other symptoms that would necessitate a student stay home or be sent home from school.</p> <p>-Clearance to return to school will be provide by primary care physician or by school nurse/administration in alignment with updated published guidance.</p>
f. Diagnostic and screening testing;	OESD will refer all testing needs to healthcare agencies.

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g. Efforts to provide <u>vaccinations to school communities</u> ;	No future on-site vaccination clinics will be planned.
h. Appropriate accommodations for students with disabilities with respect to health and safety policies; and	Due to our small size, OESD is aware of the specific needs/disabilities of students. Regular contact with families of students with special needs is maintained. 504 or Safety plans will be tailored to student needs.
i. Coordination with state and local health officials.	Due to our rural area, there is no local health official to coordinate. State health department contact can be made as needed.

Health and Safety Plan Governing Body Affirmation Statement

The Board of Directors/Trustees for **OTTO-ELDRED SD** reviewed and approved the Health and Safety Plan on **AUGUST 13, 2024**.

The plan was approved by a vote of:

_____ **Yes**

_____ **No**

Affirmed on: **AUGUST 13, 2024**

By:

Cindy Murphy

(Signature* of Board President)

MS. CINDY MURPHY

(Print Name of Board President)

