
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 and JCDHE.

Preventative Measures

School staff will stress preventative measures, such as coughing into the sleeve, frequently washing hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds and getting plenty of rest and fluids. District protocol requires students to stay home until they are fever free for 24 hours. Johnson County Department of Health and Environment (JCDHE) recommends a 5-day exclusion from the onset of COVID-19. More information about illness and exclusion guidelines is available on the [district website](#).

Cleaning and Maintaining Health Facilities

In spaces that are regularly occupied daily cleaning and maintenance protocols will be used. Our custodial staff will continue disinfecting common touch points with a hospital-grade disinfectant and utilize a sanitizing agent for hard-to-reach surfaces.

Bringing in 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.

Diagnostic and screening testing.

Select diagnostic and screening testing is available throughout the community and within the school nurse's offices when supplies are provided by the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE). The district will work with the Johnson County Department of Health and Environment to communicate these options.

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 accommodation 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 2023-24 school year. The District will 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 student and staff social, emotional and 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 2023-24 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

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

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