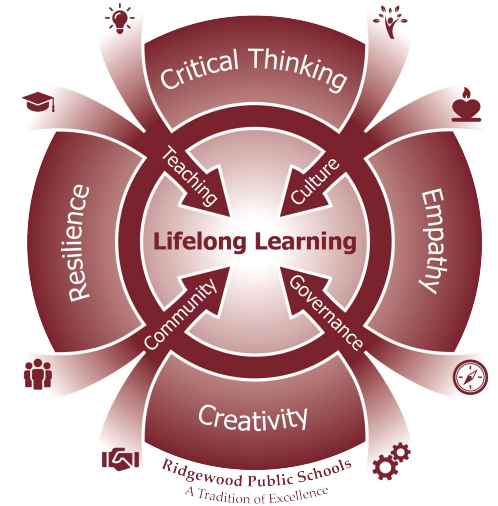




Ridgewood Public Schools

June 7, 2023



**American Rescue Plan (ARP)
Safe Return Plan Update**

American Rescue Plan Requirements

Districts accepting ARP-ESSER funding are required to update the Safe Return Plan every six months through September 20, 2024 and present the revisions.

Universal and correct wearing of masks

Based on the current data, students and staff may wear masks at their discretion as per CDC recommendations.

Physical Distancing

Based on the current data, the district is not currently implementing physical distancing protocols.

Hand Washing and Respiratory Etiquette

Fully functional hand sanitizer stations with alcohol-based hand sanitizers (at least 60% alcohol) are located at all public entrances in each building, as well as at regular distances in each hallway and instructional space. There are fully functional hand washing stations with soap in most elementary classrooms and all staff and student bathrooms which are located throughout the buildings and close to the cafeterias. Any elementary classrooms that do not have sinks will have hand sanitizer.

Cleaning and maintaining healthy facilities

All spaces will be cleaned daily by the custodial department using the following three-step process: (1) remove all visible soil from all surfaces with attention to high touch areas, (2) thoroughly disinfect all hard surfaces using hospital-grade disinfectant, (3) re-sanitize all rooms using our electrostatic spray applicators with hydrogen peroxide based disinfectant. Bathrooms will be spray disinfected once during the school day at the halfway point of the day. Appropriate cleaning will take place over the course of the day. All ventilation systems are operable and in good repair, including room unit-ventilators and rooftop units. Units are maintained and filters are changed per manufacturer's specifications. All windows are operable with opening restrictions for student and personnel safety. Air Conditioner units and filters are maintained per manufacturer's specifications.

Contact Tracing in combination with isolation and quarantine (in collaboration with State and local health departments)

Based on the current CDC guidance, the district is no longer enacting contact tracing protocols.

Diagnostic and screening testing

Parents and students are expected to follow the guidance for exposure and positive cases, as per the NJDOH recommendations for isolation and quarantine. This is subject to change based on updated guidance.

Efforts to provide vaccinations to educators, other staff and students, if eligible

The District distributed information about local vaccination sites for staff members through the Village of Ridgewood Health Department.

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

Accommodations pertaining to health and safety policies are addressed according to the individual student's need and in accordance with all applicable laws and regulations.

Ensuring continuity of services

Continuity of instruction is assured through daily in-person attendance for all students to advance the goals of the academic program. The District has a Multi-Tiered System of Supports (MTSS) in place to address academic, social, and behavioral concerns. The Intervention and Referral Services team in all buildings monitors and supports identified students. The School-Based Mental Health Team utilizes the MTSS framework to provide a continuum of social/emotional care that integrates schools, families and communities. Economically disadvantaged students who qualify receive free and reduced lunch, even in the event of school closure. ARP ESSER funds are being used to provide extended day academic support for students in ELA and math.