

Galena City School District American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act Mitigation Plan Template

June 28, 2022

Note to Districts

Districts may use the sample template below as a framework for the information to be included in their ARP Act Mitigation Plan. Districts are not required to follow this sample template or framework, but if they include all of the items listed below, they will have incorporated the information required by section 2001(i)(1) of the ARP Act.

Contact Information

District Information

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Assurance Agreement for ARP Act Mitigation Plan

The district assures either:

- a) It will, within 30 days of receiving ARP ESSER funds, develop and make publicly available on the district's website a mitigation plan for the safe return and/or continuation of in-person instruction and continuity of services as required in section 2001(i)(1) of the ARP and in the U.S. Department of Education's [Interim Final Requirements](#), or
- b) It developed and made publicly available on the district's website such a mitigation plan that meets statutory requirements before the enactment of the ARP Act that meets -federal requirements. (The ARP Act was enacted on March 11, 2021)

The district assures that:

- a) It will periodically review and revise its mitigation plan, as appropriate, no less frequently than every six months for the duration of the ARP ESSER grant period (i.e., through September 30, 2023); and
- b) It will seek public input, and take such input into account, on (1) whether revisions are necessary and, if so, (2) the proposed revisions to the mitigation plan.

Before making the mitigation plan publicly available, the district **must seek public comment on the mitigation plan** and take such comments into account in the development of the plan.

Name of Superintendent: Jim Merriner

Signature: _____

Date: 6/28/2022

Mitigation Plan

Plan Components

Districts must implement, to the greatest extent practicable, prevention and mitigation policies in line with the most up-to-date guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) for the reopening and operation of school facilities to effectively maintain the health and safety of students, educators, and other staff. Describe the extent to which the district adopted policies and a description of such policies on each of the strategies listed below:

1. [Masks](#)

All students, staff, and visitors to district facilities were required to wear masks during the 2020-2021 school year. The district decided by fall 2021 what mask mitigation was needed during the fall semester of the 2021-2022 school year. The district decided by spring 2022 what mask mitigation was needed during the spring semester of the 2021-2022 school year.

2. [Physical distancing \(e.g., including use of cohorts/pods\)](#)

All students, staff, and visitors to district facilities were required to physical distance (6 feet minimum) during the 2020-2021 school year. The district decided by fall 2021 what physical distancing mitigation was needed during the fall semester of the 2021-2022 school year. The district decided by spring 2022 what physical distancing mitigation was needed during the spring semester of the 2021-2022 school year.

3. [Handwashing and respiratory etiquette](#)

All students, staff, and visitors to district facilities were required to regularly sanitize hands during the 2020-2021 school year. The district decided by fall 2021 what hand sanitation mitigation was needed during the fall semester of the 2021-2022 school year. The district decided by spring 2022 what hand sanitization mitigation was needed during the spring semester of the 2021-2022 school year.

4. [Cleaning and maintaining healthy facilities, including improving ventilation](#)

The district hired additional custodians for the 2020-2021 school year. The district decided by fall 2021 to continue enhanced custodial mitigation during the 2021-2022 school year. The district purchased HEPA air filter units for every classroom, office, and dormitory room; these units were installed prior to the beginning of the 2020-2021 school year.

5. [Contact tracing in combination with isolation and quarantine, in collaboration with the State, local, territorial, or Tribal health departments](#)

The district supported the City of Galena's ordinances, Alaska's health requirements, and the CDC's recommendations regarding quarantining, contact tracing. The district also consulted with Tribal health departments. The district supported any City ordinances and State/Federal

requirements during the 2021-2022 school year and will do so during the 2022-2023 school year.

6. [Diagnostic and screening testing](#)

Daily temperature checks were required of all students, staff, and visitors to district facilities during the majority of the 2020-2021 school year. Once the City of Galena hit herd immunity on March 5, 2021, the temperature check requirement became voluntary after advice from the local Tribal health department's medical doctor. The district continued to consult with Tribal and State health department's medical doctor(s) during the 2021-2022 school year regarding any needed diagnostic and screening testing and will continue doing so during the 2022-2023 school year.

7. [Efforts to provide vaccinations to educators, other staff, and students, if eligible](#)

The district did not require vaccinations of any stakeholders during the 2020-2021 school year. The district required vaccination of residential school students (medical and religious exemptions allowed) during the 2021-2022 school year.

8. [Appropriate accommodations for children with disabilities with respect to the health and safety policies](#)

The district's director of special education ensured that all students with disabilities received any needed appropriate health and safety accommodations during the 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 school years and will do so again during the 2022-2023 school year.

Continuity of Services

Describe how the district will ensure continuity of services including, but not limited to, services to address students' academic needs, as well as the social, emotional, mental health, and other needs of students and staff (e.g., student health and food service).

The district plans to continue ensuring that students' academic needs and the social, emotional, mental health, and other needs of both students and staff continue to be met by continuing to provide the support (materials, staffing, and programs) that our district has learned from the COVID-19 pandemic is needed for continued success.

Periodic Review

Describe how the district will periodically review and revise its mitigation plan, as appropriate, including a description of how the district will seek public input and take such input into account on (1) whether revisions are necessary and, if so, (2) the proposed revisions to the plan. Important Note: The district must review its mitigation plan no less frequently than every six months for the duration of the ARP ESSER grant period (i.e., through September 30, 2023).

The district plans to review its mitigation plan no less frequently than every six months for the duration of the ARP ESSER grant. The district plans to see input from key stakeholders.