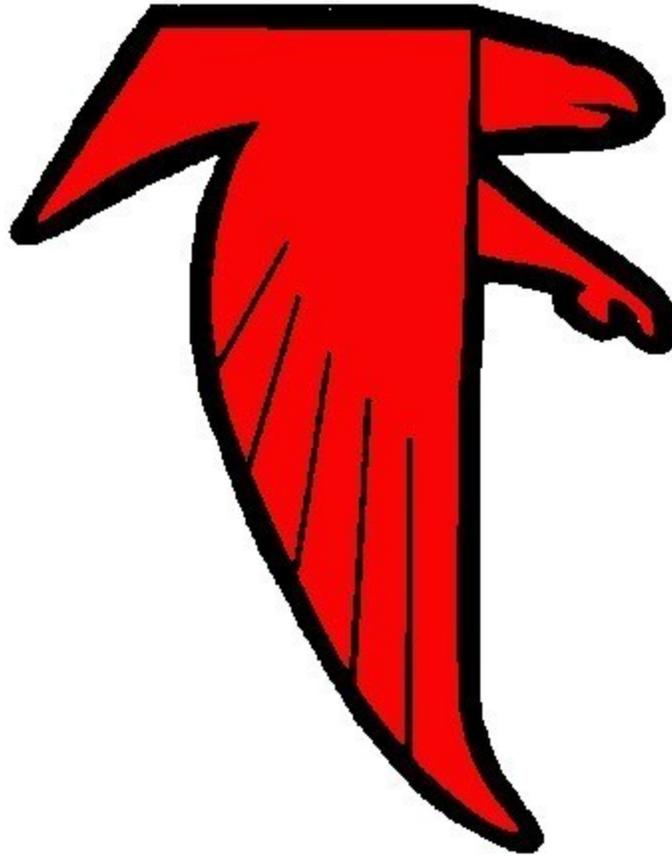


Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services Plan



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Introduction

On March 11, 2021, the American Rescue Plans (ARP) Act was signed into law. In it, the U.S. Department of Education is providing an additional \$121.9 billion for the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund (ESSER III Fund). This legislation will award grants to state educational agencies (SEAs) for providing local educational agencies (LEAs) with emergency relief funds to address the impact that COVID-19 has had, and continues to have, on elementary and secondary schools across the nation.

Wisconsin will receive \$1,540,784,854 in ESSER III funds from the Act, with 90 percent being awarded to school districts with amounts determined in proportion to the amount of Title I, Part A funds they received in summer 2020 from funds under the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). The remaining funds will be used for state-level activities to address issues caused by COVID-19.

This plan describes how the LEA or district will provide a safe return to in-person instruction and continuity of services for all schools, including those that have already returned to in-person instruction.

Maintaining Health and Safety

Overview

Weekly Schedule

- In-person instruction 5 days per week for all students in grades 4K-12.

Health Services

- The School District of Abbotsford employs one part-time nurse and one full-time nurse aide through Marathon County Special Education who will continue to offer health services in-person or virtually.
- The school district also contracts with multiple outside agencies to provide mental health support for families.

Transportation Plan

- There will be assigned seats and loading and unloading protocols.
- The district must follow the federal transportation guidelines. Currently, masks are required on buses.

Student Meal Plans

- Beginning September 1, 2021, all meals will be free for any students attending school in the School District of Abbotsford.
- Additional eating areas, assigned seats for all students, and safe serving protocols have all been put in place for safety purposes.
- Regardless of the mode of instruction, the School District of Abbotsford will continue to provide meals under the community provision as long as USDA continues the allowance. Meals will be provided for all eligible youth during the school year. If school is closed due to a pandemic, the district will assess its ability to distribute meals utilizing the same process it used during the spring of 2020.

Remote Learning Option 2021-2022

- If a family wants a remote learning option for the 2021-2022 school year, they must register for classes through the Rural Virtual Academy. Please contact the building principals for more information.
- In the event of school closure due to the pandemic, the district has purchased Chromebooks and iPads to support remote learning. Printed materials will also be delivered to the homes of students as needed. Hotspot devices have also been purchased for the families without a strong internet connection.

Guidelines for Non-school Use of Facilities

“Non School” sports / activities (Booster/Youth) may use school facilities

- Must complete the required facility use forms (as always).
- Individuals listed as supervisors will be responsible for following all guidelines.

Guidelines for Pool Use

School and Community Education may use the pool within the following guidelines;

- Maximum capacity shall be 174 (full capacity). This will include school staff / lifeguards. Other limits may be imposed due to class size limitations.

Guidelines for Concessions (indoors and outdoors):

- Same as “pre-covid”

Guidelines for Outdoor Activities (athletics / recess) & Masks:

- Same as “pre-covid”

Mitigation Measures

Daily Operation Plan

- A daily self-screening symptom checklist will be provided for all families, students, and staff. No one should come to school if the symptoms checklist indicates the student or staff member should remain home.
- Masks are being highly recommended for all students and staff by the CDC. Masks and shields will be available from the district.
- Sanitizing stations are located throughout the building.

Physical Spaces Plan

- Physical distance as much as possible.
- Safety signage for hand hygiene, protective measures and symptoms awareness are displayed throughout the buildings.
- Bottle filling stations will be available throughout the buildings. Students should bring their own water bottle.

Healthy Environments Plan

- The district has established daily and weekly protocols for cleaning and disinfecting.
- Staff will continue to reinforce safety protocols.
- Hand sanitize regularly and avoid touching your face.
- Use proper cough etiquette.

Points of Contact Regarding Covid-19

- Points of contact for any COVID-19 issues involving students are the building principals, and school nurse (Angela Montalvo)/nurse aide (Sacia Taylor).
- Superintendent Ryan Bargender, District Office, is the point of contact for staff concerns or questions.
- Both Ryan Bargender, Angela Montalvo, and Sacia Taylor will work directly with the Clark County Health Department to monitor cases, develop vaccine options, and to share timely information.

Case Monitoring

- The District will monitor (and post) active cases and numbers of staff and students in quarantine. If numbers of positive cases remain below 5%, we plan to maintain the “Return to Normal” planning.
- Should numbers rise above 5%, the Superintendent will request a Board of Education meeting (Regular or Special Meeting) to determine action (if any) to be revisited or revised.

Student and Staff Quarantines

- Individuals identified as a positive case will be required to isolate for 10 days from onset of symptoms.
- Staff and students should do their best to maintain at least 3 feet of physical distancing within classrooms.
- Individuals identified as close contacts (in a school /athletics / activities setting) will be communicated to the County Health Department. Decisions to quarantine will be issued by the Health Department. Those identified as close contacts may choose the 7, 10, or 14 day quarantine period as described by the Clark County Health Department.
- Individuals identified with COVID related symptoms will be sent home and may return with a negative result of COVID test or after a quarantined period as determined by the County Health Department.
- The sibling exclusion policy will be in effect.
- Vaccinated students and staff will not be quarantined.

Appropriate Accommodations For Children with Disabilities

- When circumstances require specific policies or procedures designed to protect the health and safety of students, 504 and IEP teams will determine if modifications and/or reasonable accommodations are needed for individual students with disability-related issues.

Efforts to Provide Vaccinations to Staff, if Eligible

- All eligible staff employed in 2020-2021 were provided the opportunity to be vaccinated.

Coordination With State and Local Health Officials

- The CDC recommends that all decisions about implementing school-based strategies should be made locally, collaborating with local health officials who can help determine the level of transmission in the community. The School District of Abbotsford continues to work with County Public Health to implement mitigating strategies for the safety of students and staff.

Continuity of Services

The District will provide for continuity of services as follows:

Student Academic Needs

- The School District of Abbotsford has implemented a summer school program to assist all K-12 students with academic recovery. The District plans to continue full-time, in-person instruction beginning the fall of 2021.

Student Social, Emotional, and Mental Health Needs

- The district will continue to work with outside counseling services to address our students' social and emotional learning needs.

Other Student Needs (which may include student health and food services)

- Food services will continue to provide meals under the community provision as long as USDA continues the allowance. Meals will be provided for summer school attendees as well as all eligible youth during the school year. Summer meals will be provided for summer school and all children age 18 and under through July 2, 2021.
- Summer school meals will resume August 10-12, 17-19, and 24-26. It is assumed that the USDA will continue community eligibility provision under the new school meal application.

Other Staff Needs

- The District will follow national, state, and local governing agencies' laws and directives concerning staff employment and benefits.

Periodic Review

The School District of Abbotsford will periodically review and, as needed, revise the plan for the safe return to in-person instruction and continuity of services. The plan will be reviewed at least every six months, and the school system will seek and take into account public input during the review process. Plan revisions will address updated CDC and County Public Health guidance on safely reopening schools if any are issued.

Public Input

The School District of Abbotsford has taken the following steps to make its plan available to the public:

- The plan is posted at <http://www.abbotsford.k12.wi.us>
- The plan is available in English and Spanish.
- The plan was shared at the School District of Abbotsford Board of Education meetings on August 16, 2021. An opportunity for public comment was available during the August 16, 2021 Board meeting.
- Upon request, a parent who is an individual with a disability as defined by the ADA may be provided with the plan in an alternative format accessible by contacting our district office.