

USD 240, Twin Valley Schools

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

PART I.

Describe how the district 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 policies, on each of the following safety recommendations established by the CDC:

- (A) Universal and correct wearing of masks.
 - a. Masks will be optional for all USD 240 students and staff.
- (B) Modifying facilities to allow for physical distancing (*e.g.*, use of cohorts/podding).
 - a. USD 240 will follow the 6 foot social distancing guidance whenever possible. If 6 feet isn't possible, we will utilize the 3 foot guidance provided by the CDC.
- (C) Handwashing and respiratory etiquette.
 - a. USD 240 will include proper handwashing guidance in our elementary curriculum through our wellness instruction provided by the school nurse. In addition, we will continue to have students either wash their hands multiple times a day or provide hand sanitizer throughout the day to mitigate spread of germs.
- (D) Cleaning and maintaining healthy facilities, including improving ventilation.
 - a. USD 240 will continue to clean and sanitize desks throughout the day, as well as bathrooms to reduce germ spread through common touch points.
 - b. Clorox 360 machines, Tursano machines, and fog machines will be used on a rotation schedule to sanitize classrooms daily/weekly to mitigate spread of germs.
- (E) Contact tracing in combination with isolation and quarantine, in collaboration with the State, local, territorial, or Tribal health departments.
 - a. USD 240 will collaborate with our local health department and follow guidance provided regarding isolation and quarantines for students and/or staff who contract COVID-19.
- (F) Diagnostic and screening testing.
 - a. USD 240 will follow CDC guidance regarding symptoms of COVID-19, and expect students and staff to get tested when necessary through local health offices or county health departments. USD 240 will not conduct testing or screenings for COVID-19 in the school setting.
- (G) Efforts to provide vaccinations to school communities.
 - a. USD 240 will provide information regarding vaccination opportunities at local health facilities or local pharmacies.
- (H) Appropriate accommodations for children with disabilities with respect to health and safety policies.

a. USD 240 will continue to provide accommodations for students with disabilities.

(I) Coordination with State and local health officials.

a. USD 240 will continue to coordinate efforts to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 with the local health department. We will also continue to monitor spread of the virus utilizing the county and KDHE websites for up-to-date information.

Part II.

Describe how the district will ensure continuity of services, including but not limited to:

(A) services to address students' academic needs

- USD 240 will continue to provide Title services for reading to students who qualify as well as reading supports for students who fall in Tier 2 or Tier 3 categories as shown on the district screener. Specific gaps in learning will be addressed during intervention times during the school day.
- In addition, USD 240 will begin an after-school program and summer school opportunities to not only address any learning gaps identified, but to provide enrichment opportunities as well.
- USD 240 has purchased additional resources to target identified learning gaps for reading at all levels: elementary, middle school and high school.

(B) students' and staff social, emotional, mental health

- USD 240 has hired additional at-risk coordinators to address social emotional needs in both of our PreK-12 buildings. With these hires, we have established an “at-risk department” who will work to coordinate efforts to meet the needs of students who struggle with both academic and social-emotional needs. Current programs provided by the district social worker will continue to be utilized to meet the emotional needs of all students.
- Mental Health supports will continue to be provided through the expansion of a mental health initiative. ESSER II and ESSER III funds are being utilized to expand this program and fund the additional at-risk positions.
- Through Live Well Therapy, all staff have the opportunity for counseling services throughout the school year, up to 3 sessions, paid by the district.

(C) other needs, which may include student health and food services.

- USD 240 will continue to provide breakfast and lunch opportunities for all students, even those in a quarantine setting, to ensure all students have proper nutrition services. In addition to our regular food program, our school nurse provides support at both the classroom, building and district level.
- The district is considering adding an additional school nurse utilizing ESSER III funds through 2024.