

Safe Return to In-Person Instruction



New Jersey Department of Education

Framework

Specific Criteria for Use for Funding

Need for Public Comment

Need for Board Approval

Review at least every 60 days

Submission Date - June 24 for all school districts

IMPORTANT DATES/TIMELINE

5/24/2021: Notification of Award

9/30/2023: End of Grant Fund Spending

Week of 6/7/2021: Public Comment via School Pandemic Team Meetings

6/22/2021: Board of Education/Public Presentation and Final Public Comment

6/23/2021: Post Plan to the Website

6/24/2021: Safe Reopening Plan Due

11/24/2021: EWEG Grant Submission Due

ALLOWABLE USES

20% = \$1,907,666

Each Local Education Agency (LEA) must reserve not less than 20% of its total American Rescue Plan (ARP) Elementary Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) allocation to address learning loss:

- implementation of *evidence-based interventions*,
- ensure that such interventions respond to students' *academic, social, and emotional needs*,
- address the disproportionate impact of COVID-19 on underrepresented student groups (*such as summer learning or summer enrichment, extended day, comprehensive after-school programs, or extended school year programs*).

80% = \$7,630,664

Each Local Education Agency (LEA) must use the remaining ARP ESSER funds for the same allowable uses as Elementary Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER and ESSER II):

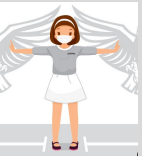
- hiring new staff in relation to evidence based interventions
- avoiding layoffs
- facilities upgrade and maintenance
- address continued protocols and procedures for maintaining health and safety

Maintaining Health & Safety

Universal and correct wearing of masks



The Egg Harbor Township School District will adhere to current and relevant CDC guidance regarding universal and correct mask wearing as well as relevant and current Executive Orders issued by the State of New Jersey. Students that attend Egg Harbor Township schools will be required to wear masks throughout the buildings during the school day or until different guidance is issued regarding universal and correct mask wearing by the CDC and/or New Jersey Department of Health. Egg Harbor Township Policy 1648 outlines expectations for the universal and correct wearing of masks (face coverings) and should new guidance be released Policy 1648 would be revised accordingly. In addition, #EHTReady videos, signage, social media reminders and district developed procedures and protocols will continue to be disseminated to staff, students, parents, and guardians regarding universal and correct wearing of masks/face coverings.



Physical distancing (e.g., including use of cohorts/podding)

The Egg Harbor Township School District will adhere to current and relevant CDC guidance regarding physical distancing as well as relevant and current Executive Orders issued by the State of New Jersey. Students that attend Egg Harbor Township schools will be expected to physically distance throughout the buildings during the school day or until different guidance is issued regarding physical distance by the CDC and/or New Jersey Department of Health. Students will remain minimally three feet apart, socially distanced in the classrooms and common areas, while also wearing masks. In addition, signage regarding social distancing is displayed throughout each building and on all school grounds. In addition, #EHTReady videos, signage, social media reminders and district developed procedures and protocols will continue to be disseminated to staff, students, parents, and guardians regarding physical distancing expectations.

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Handwashing and respiratory etiquette

The Egg Harbor Township School District will adhere to current and relevant CDC guidance regarding handwashing and respiratory etiquette as well as relevant and current Executive Orders issued by the State of New Jersey. Students that attend Egg Harbor Township schools will be expected to utilize the hand sanitizer that are in all classrooms and common areas throughout the buildings during the school day or until different guidance is issued regarding handwashing and respiratory etiquette by the CDC and/or New Jersey Department of Health. #EHTRReady signage regarding handwashing and respiratory etiquette are displayed throughout each building and on school grounds. In addition, communication via email and social media will continue to be disseminated to staff, students, parents, and guardians regarding handwashing and respiratory etiquette expectations.



Cleaning and maintaining healthy facilities, including improving ventilation

The Egg Harbor Township School District will continue to sanitize, disinfect and clean each facility daily, with sanitizing occurring in high traffic areas throughout the day. As needed, the district is upgrading and replacing the HVAC systems throughout the district. All HVAC systems will be maintained and checked throughout the school year to ensure compliance with ventilation standards including the required “fresh air” component that is specified in Federal and State health guidance. Egg Harbor Township Policy 1648 outlines facilities cleaning practices.

Maintaining Health & Safety



Contact tracing in combination with isolation and quarantine, in collaboration with the State, local, territorial, or Tribal health departments

The Egg Harbor Township School District will continue to utilize isolation rooms for unvaccinated students or staff who are in attendance and presenting symptoms of COVID-19. Furthermore, students or staff suspected of having COVID-19 will be directed to get tested for COVID-19 and self-quarantine based on current and relevant CDC and/or New Jersey Department of Health guidance. The District will continue to work in partnership and communicate with the Atlantic County Department of Health and our District Physician, regarding self-quarantine periods for identified students, faculty, and staff. Egg Harbor Township Policy 1648 outlines contact tracing and self-reporting procedures. Additionally, the district will continue to track and display Covid-19 data on the dashboard located on the district website, as well as track quarantining data for both students and staff.



Diagnostic and screening testing

The Egg Harbor Township School District will continue to utilize the self-screening tool that was provided by the NJDOH that reflects COVID-19 screening requirements for unvaccinated students, faculty, and staff. The screening requirements and protocols are outlined in Egg Harbor Township Policy 1648 and will continue to follow the most current and relevant guidance regarding self-quarantine provided by the CDC and/or the New Jersey Department of Health. The District's COVID-19 screening and health affirmation tools will be distributed to students, faculty, and staff at the beginning of the school year with reminders communicated via email and social media.

Maintaining Health & Safety



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

The Egg Harbor Township School District partnered with outside providers such as Walmart and AtlantiCare, to offer all employees appointments to get vaccinated, which occurred both off and on campus. On May 20, 2021, the district had onsite vaccinations, through AtlantiCare, for all students over the age of 12 and any additional staff who still needed vaccinations. There were approximately 500 students/staff expressing interest for the May 20, 2021 onsite offering of the vaccine (first dose), with the second dose administered on June 10, 2021. Partnerships will continue to be explored as needed to support our school community.

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

The Egg Harbor Township School District outlines accommodations for children with disabilities in Policy 1648. The school district will continue to accommodate students with disabilities with respect to health and safety policies, procedures, and in accordance with all applicable laws and regulations. These accommodations will be determined through consultation with district personnel, the student's healthcare provider, the school nurses, and the district's physician.

Ensuring Continuity of Services

- Utilize assessment data- including new State Mandated “Start Strong” assessment in Fall 2021
- Determine educational needs of students via formative and summative assessments
- Look to accelerate learning through Multi-Tiered Systems of Support (academically and behaviorally)
- Implementation of multiple summer programs to address learning needs (track progress through new school year)
- Expanding classroom interventions and small group instruction through coaching and support from new interventionists positions.
- Partnerships with outside organizations to offer mental health counseling and support for students
- Social and Emotional Supports will expand



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Public Comment

A. Describe how the LEA sought public comment on its plan, and how it took those public comment into account in the development of its plan. Note, the ARP requires that LEAs seek public comment for each 60-day revision to the plan.

- The Egg Harbor Township School District took public comment through the convening of each building's Pandemic Response Team during the week of June 7, 2021, which is composed of teachers, parents, and community members. These teams have provided insight, feedback and contributions throughout the Pandemic and will continue to do so every 60 days as we seek input for plan revisions.

B. Describe how the LEA ensured that the plan is in an understandable and uniform format; is to the extent practicable written in a language that parents can understand or, if not practicable to provide written translations to a parent with limited English proficiency, will be orally translated for such a parent; and upon request by a parent who is an individual with a disability as defined by the ADA, will be provided in an alternative format accessible to that parent.

- The building Pandemic Team meetings are facilitated by building principals to ensure that all stakeholders have the opportunity to ask for clarification, point out areas of concern or misunderstandings. The plan will be published in Spanish and access to Google Translate will be accessible for families to translate the plan into their native languages.

Comment/Suggestions/Feedback

Health and Safety:

- Maintain sanitizing stations
- Creative use of facilities to allow social distancing for lunch.
- Safe use of water refilling stations when allowable
- Safe use of locker rooms

Continuity of Learning:

- Supports for classroom teachers and continual push-in and pull-out services for students
- Extended day programs
- Connections with the Community
- Support for students who were all-virtual to return to school
- Counseling Services for students
- Social Emotional learning and spaces within the school day to be readily accessible