

Boys Ranch ISD



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

Section 2001(i)(1) of the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act requires each local education agency (LEA) that receives funding under the ARP Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) Fund to develop and make publicly available on the LEA's website a *Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services Plan*, hereinafter referred to as a *Health and Safety Plan*.

Health and Safety Plan Summary: **Boys Ranch ISD**

Initial Effective Date: **August 06, 2021**

Date of Last Review: **January 03, 2022**

Date of Next Review due by: **July 03, 2022**

1. How will BRISD, to the greatest extent practicable, support prevention and mitigation policies in line with the most up-to-date guidance from the CDC for the reopening and operation of school facilities in order to continuously and safely open and operate schools for in-person learning? **The safety of the employees and students are our first priority. Boys Ranch ISD administration will continue to meet on a regular basis with the CFBR and the county health department for up to date information on the pandemic and recommendations. We will also review all information provided to us by the Texas Education Agency.**
2. How will BRISD ensure continuity of services, including but not limited to services to address the students' academic needs, and students' and staff members' social, emotional, mental health, and other needs, which may include student health and food services? **Boys Ranch ISD acknowledges the complex situation this crisis is presenting to our educators as well as our students and their families. With that in mind, we will utilize the mental health professionals and supports in our community. Our unique situation allows us to ensure students are fed three nutritional meals in the summer and during the entire school year. Additionally, we will use 20% of our ESSER III funds to focus on learning loss. District leaders met with all required stakeholders to identify students' needs as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. Activities were identified to address the academic, emotional, and mental health needs of student and staff members.**
3. Use the table below to explain how the BRISD 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 policy on each of the following safety recommendations established by the CDC.

ARP ESSER Requirement	Strategies, Policies, and Procedures
a. Universal and correct wearing of masks ;	The District will follow any state mandates requiring face coverings on district property, however, students and staff that wish to wear a face covering will be permitted to do so. Face masks optional, not required.

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b. Modifying facilities to allow for physical distancing (e.g., use of cohorts/podding);	The District will follow any state mandates requiring physical distancing guidelines.
c. Handwashing and respiratory etiquette ;	Hygiene practices for students and staff including the manner and frequency of hand-washing and other best practices will be followed. Our District will continue to promote personal hygiene through the wellness curriculum.
d. Cleaning and maintaining healthy facilities, including improving ventilation ;	In addition to all of the cleaning protocols currently established, the District will continue to follow best practices of cleaning and disinfecting and will continue to make necessary changes as advised by the CDC and county health department.
e. Contact tracing in combination with isolation and quarantine , in collaboration with the State and local health departments;	We will continue to meet with the CFBR administrative team on a regular basis. Should any cases develop, we will contact the local county health department and follow their recommendations.
f. Diagnostic and screening testing;	School staff will visually screen students throughout the day for symptoms of COVID-19 and refer students to the nursing staff when symptoms are suspected. Temperature screenings will be conducted for students exhibiting symptoms throughout the day. If any employee has been exposed to an individual who has tested positive for COVID-19, the case will be reported to his or her supervisor. The employee will follow the most up to date guidelines given by the local county health department.
g. Efforts to provide vaccinations to school communities ;	Student vaccinations will not be provided in school, this will be a CFBR decision and obligation. Staff vaccinations are recommended by not required and are available through several entities including CFBR clinic.
h. Appropriate accommodations for students with disabilities with respect to health and safety policies; and	Students with unique safety protocols and complex needs will have their needs addressed within their Individual Health Plan, IEP, and/or 504 plan.

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<p>i. Coordination with state and local health officials.</p>	<p>The safety of our employees and students are our first priority. Our district will continue to meet on a regular basis with CFBR and our county health department for up to date information on the pandemic and recommendations. We will also review all information provided to us by the Texas Education Agency.</p>

Additional Resources

- [CDC K-12 School Operational Strategy](#)
- [PDE Resources for School Communities During COVID-19](#)
- [PDE Roadmap for Education Leaders](#)
- [PDE Accelerated Learning Through an Integrated System of Support](#)

Health and Safety Plan Governing Body Affirmation Statement

The Board of Directors/Trustees for **Boys Ranch Independent School District** reviewed the Health and Safety Plan on:

Date

Affirmed on:

By:

(Signature of Board President)*

(Print Name of Board President)

*Electronic signatures on this document are acceptable using one of the two methods detailed below.

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