



ARP ESSER Health and Safety Plan

Health and Safety Plan Summary: **Westinghouse Arts Academy** **Charter School**

Initial Effective Date: **April 12, 2021**

Date of Last Review: **February 21, 2024**

Date of Last Revision: **February 21, 2024**

1. How will the LEA, 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?

Westinghouse Arts Academy returned to Full In-Person Instruction for students at risk or who wanted the social, emotional growth that comes from in-person instruction as of April 12, 2021. Modifications made to the 21-22 Covid Return to Instruction were implemented. Modifications such as mask or face coverings that always are covering the nose & mouth in the school; social distancing put to 3 ft when physically possible due to constraints of building. Social distance and monitored lunchroom procedures. We allowed for a total virtual option where our teachers would instruct their live class while virtual students would participate through Zoom Link on mobile video carts that were created by our IT person. Moving forward into the 23-24 School year, we will follow closely the directives of the CDC and Allegheny Health Department. As of July 1 2022, our facility will continue its cleaning protocols, including the use of the nebulizing equipment. We will continue with our staff and students protocols for mask wearing as guided by the Allegheny Health Departments Covid Level website; hygiene directives; and distancing whenever possible. As always, our school nurse will take lead should we be notified of a Covid case. Our School Nurse will notify the Allegheny Health Department and assist with contact tracing. Should it be recommended, we will go fully remote for deep cleaning, as we have done in the past.

2. How will the LEA 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?

Westinghouse Arts Academy is a one-to-one technology high school. During the summer of 2020, we increased our technology by creating mobile video units and obtained a school Zoom account to enable our teachers the ability to teach students remotely. Each student was given a Chromebook at the beginning of the school year, as we do every year. Not only were these items used for instruction, but our school counselor and psychologist are able to reach out to students in need. Our Cafeteria Staff provide take home meals for students when we do remote instruction if requested. Arrangements will be made on the students ability for picking up the requested meals., We will continue these practices for any student for this year. For all in person students we will socially distance when able and practice best hygiene and mask wearing as guided by the CDC and Allegheny Health Department. Our school nurse will share vaccine information in our Health Suite.

3. Use the table below to explain how the LEA 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.

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<p>a. Universal and correct wearing of masks;</p>	<p>Westinghouse Arts Academy mask policy is posted on the website, in all entry doors to the building and in the employee and students handbooks. Masks are optional when the Covid levels in Allegheny County are low or medium. Should the Covid level reach HIGH levels, students and staff <u>must</u> wear a mask at all times (except when eating or drinking) that covers the nose and mouth. Students and staff may take a 10 minute mask break if they are outside of the building and/or socially distance of 6ft or more.</p>
<p>b. Modifying facilities to allow for physical distancing (e.g., use of cohorts/podding);</p>	<p>As we entered SY 23-24, all students were welcomed back for in-person instruction, making exceptions for medically necessary reasons. Classrooms have been set up to allow as much social distancing as possible. Each student will have their own desk.</p>
<p>c. Handwashing and respiratory etiquette;</p>	<p>Signs are posted throughout the school building, including the bathrooms. Hand Sanitizing stations are also throughout the building, especially by the cafeteria. Morning announcements are a daily reminder of Level mask wearing protocol and hygiene.</p>
<p>d. Cleaning and maintaining healthy facilities, including improving</p>	<p>Facilities use nebulizing equipment and spot cleaning, especially high traffic areas throughout the day. Weather permitting,</p>

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<p><u>ventilation</u>;</p>	<p>classroom windows are opened, and hallway doors are open to allow cross breeze in the classrooms.</p>
<p>e. Contact tracing in combination with <u>isolation</u> and <u>quarantine</u>, in collaboration with the State and local health departments;</p>	<p>Contract tracing is conducted by our school nurse in association with the Allegheny Health Department. Should a case be reported during the school day, either student or staff, the person is removed and isolated until they are able to leave the building. The location of where that person was is cleaned and the Allegheny Health Department is notified. The School nurse then follows the guidance of AHD.</p>
<p>f. <u>Diagnostic</u> and screening testing;</p>	<p>No protocols in place at the school location for Covid testing. Covid Test information is available at the school nurse's office, HR, and Main office.</p>
<p>g. Efforts to provide <u>vaccinations to school communities</u>;</p>	<p>In the previous years, the school has conducted in association with Giant Eagle Pharmacies a vaccination clinic open to all 12 years and older. This year, with guidance of the CDC and Allegheny Health Department, tests to stay are no longer mandatory, however our school nurse will have a few rapid Covid Tests in her office should factors present a possible case. The nurses office will also house information on local vaccine clinics.</p>
<p>h. Appropriate accommodations for students with disabilities with respect to health and safety policies; and</p>	<p>Westinghouse Arts will continue to offer students with complex needs to have the option to attend school in a fully online or hybrid model. They and their families may contact the Director of Student Services and Special Education to discuss specific modifications or safety protocols to support their attendance, either in person or virtually.</p>
<p>i. Coordination with state and local health officials.</p>	<p>Our School Nurse is our lead contact person with the Allegheny Health Department. She shares information received with administration. Administration attends webinars and follows information provided by the CDC and PDE. Any information received is then shared with staff, students and their families as quickly as needed.</p>

Health and Safety Plan Governing Body Affirmation Statement

The Board of Directors/Trustees for **Westinghouse Arts Academy Charter School** reviewed and approved the Health and Safety Plan on **March 6, 2024**.

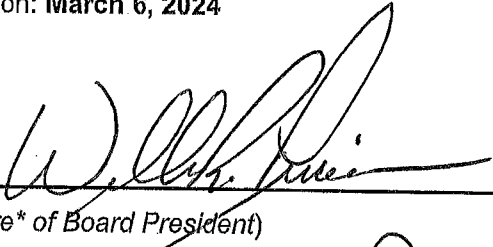
The plan was approved by a vote of:

Yes

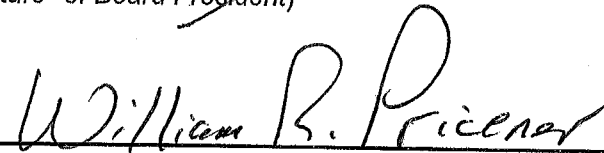
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Affirmed on: **March 6, 2024**

By:



(Signature* of Board President)



(Print Name of Board President)

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