

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

August 22, 2023

Health and Safety

A+UP will maintain the health and safety of students, educators, staff, and visitors through a set of protocols that follow guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Texas Education Agency. These protocols include:

- Any individual who wishes to wear personal protective equipment (PPE) including masks or face shields will be allowed to do so
- Testing any person who wishes to be tested for COVID-19 as long as Texas health officials provide appropriate testing equipment
- Providing opportunities for staff to be vaccinated during work time, if needed, without use of Personal Time Off
- Screening for COVID-19 symptoms for signs of illness with a mandatory health check-up for individuals demonstrating COVID-19 symptoms
- Notification to families of vaccination options
- Continuing to provide hand sanitizers and opportunities for all A+UP community members to utilize proper hand washing
- Accommodations, if needed, for children with disabilities that may make them particularly vulnerable to COVID-19
- Coordination with state and local health officials on COVID-19 related matters.
- Other guidance recommended by CDC that is disallowed by the State of Texas will not be implemented

Continuity of Services

A+UP will provide a continuity of services for its students in the following manner:

- A+UP is working with its families, board, and faculty to identify student learning needs that result from the pandemic quarantine and resulting school closures. A+UP's academic plan will reflect targeted work with students by learning standard.
 - o A+UP traditionally serves students who are 1-3 grade levels behind and who struggle in reading, writing, and mathematics.
 - o A+UP has a working plan that provides additional targeted help in math, reading, and writing.
- A+UP has polled its community and found that students and families agree with faculty that social-emotional needs will be paramount. As a result:
 - o A+UP is working with its in-house social worker to increase her availability in the coming school year.
 - o A+UP is ensuring that its faculty is trained Understanding by Design Learning and can identify needs of its students and meet them.
- A+UP will continue to provide all students with free breakfast and lunch as well as an after-school snack daily. A+UP will also continue to partner with the Houston Food Bank to provide emergency food needs in the coming school year.

Public Engagement

A+UP publicized a public input meeting for input to the ARP ESSER award which occurred May 16, 2023. Notice of the meeting was published on our website and shared by our newsletter. The school also sent out notice of the meeting by text to all families and staff.

Additionally, the school created a survey seeking public comment on the ARP ESSER award to its families, faculty and staff, and the public through email and a published a link on its website and Facebook page.

The district will have a follow-up meeting to seek further input on its plan in November 2023. That plan will review all elements of the plan, including health and safety guidance from CDC.

This plan is available for translation by anyone requesting it. It can also be orally transmitted to any parent with a disability requesting it in an alternative format.