

Kuspuk School District

American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act

Mitigation Plan Template

June 18, 2021

Note to Districts

Districts may use the sample template below as a framework for the information to be included in their ARP Act Mitigation Plan. Districts are not required to follow this sample template or framework, but if they include all of the items listed below, they will have incorporated the information required by section 2001(i)(1) of the ARP Act.

Contact Information

District Information

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Assurance Agreement for ARP Act Mitigation Plan

The district assures either:

- a) It will, within 30 days of receiving ARP ESSER funds, develop and make publicly available on the district's website a mitigation plan for the safe return and/or continuation of in-person instruction and continuity of services as required in section 2001(i)(1) of the ARP and in the U.S. Department of Education's [Interim Final Requirements](#), or
- b) It developed and made publicly available on the district's website such a mitigation plan that meets statutory requirements before the enactment of the ARP Act that meets -federal requirements. (The ARP Act was enacted on March 11, 2021)

The district assures that:

- a) It will periodically review and revise its mitigation plan, as appropriate, no less frequently than every six months for the duration of the ARP ESSER grant period (i.e., through September 30, 2023); and
- b) It will seek public input, and take such input into account, on (1) whether revisions are necessary and, if so, (2) the proposed revisions to the mitigation plan.

Before making the mitigation plan publicly available, the district **must seek public comment on the mitigation plan** and take such comments into account in the development of the plan.

Name of Superintendent: James Anderson

Signature: *James Anderson*

Date: 06/18/2021

Mitigation Plan

Plan Components

Districts must implement, to the greatest extent practicable, prevention and mitigation policies in line with the most up-to-date guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) for the reopening and operation of school facilities to effectively maintain the health and safety of students, educators, and other staff. Describe the extent to which the district adopted policies and a description of such policies on each of the strategies listed below:

1. [Masks](#)

Throughout the 2020-2021 school year, Kuspuk School District students and staff wore masks every day. For the 2021-2022 school year, it is the district's intent to again begin school with masks for students and staff as COVID-19 continues to spread in our state and there is an increase in the number of COVID cases in both the state and the YK delta. We will review our masking policy at least quarterly, and base our decision on the most recent data and recommendations by the CDC.

2. [Physical distancing \(e.g., including use of cohorts/pods\)](#)

Kuspuk School District intends on having all students and staff in person with 3-foot social distancing during the 2021-2022 school year, as practicable. In addition, transitions between spaces will be limited. Schools will adhere to the following strategies to maintain social distancing as much as possible:

- Provide socially distanced learning spaces.
- Develop and implement outdoor learning spaces/classrooms.

3. [Handwashing and respiratory etiquette](#)

All schools in Kuspuk School district will follow the guidelines developed by the CDC for cleaning, disinfection, and ventilation of school campuses. For the 2021-2022 school year, the District will:

- Have cleaning stations associated with all restrooms. After using the restroom, students and staff must wash hands with soap and water for 20 seconds.
- Ensure soap and water or hand sanitizer are easily accessible near all entry doors, all high traffic areas, in every classroom or other learning space, and anywhere where food or drink is consumed.
- Instruct younger students on how to cover their mouth and recommended behavior when coughing/sneezing.
- Mount hand washing visuals with instructions and pictures in applicable areas.
- Teach all students how to correctly wash their hands and use sanitizer.
- Ensure temperature check stations are available if needed in the future.

4. [Cleaning and maintaining healthy facilities, including improving ventilation](#)

Kuspuk School District will have the following in place:

- Instructors will sanitize work areas between classes, including keyboards and screens.

- Custodial staff and maintenance will clean all facilities at the end of the school day, with spot cleaning during the day on an as needed basis.
 - Check and or fill all hand sanitizer stations daily.
 - Maintain and clean all cleaning supplies; rags (microfiber), vacuum cleaners & filters, wet mops, and dry mops.
 - Hand washing and gloves to be used during cleaning
5. [Contact tracing in combination with isolation and quarantine, in collaboration with the State, local, territorial, or Tribal health departments](#)

Kuspuk School District will work with the clinic if contact tracing is needed.

6. [Diagnostic and screening testing](#)

Kuspuk School District does not intend on screening students during the 2021-2022 school year unless sufficient cause is given to warrant it. As of April 2021, students began receiving the COVID 19 vaccination.

7. [Efforts to provide vaccinations to educators, other staff, and students, if eligible](#)

Most certified staff have been vaccinated, and many of the classified staff have been vaccinated. The vaccination has been and continues to be offered to individuals 12 years old and older. Information on local vaccination clinics will continue to be provided to all staff and students.

8. [Appropriate accommodations for children with disabilities with respect to the health and safety policies](#)

Students with disabilities will be considered for modification to the health and safety practices of the school with amendments to IEPs or implementation of a 504 plan, as appropriate.

Continuity of Services

Describe how the district will ensure continuity of services including, but not limited to, services to address students' academic needs, as well as the social, emotional, mental health, and other needs of students and staff (e.g., student health and food service).

Academic Continuity

- Kuspuk School District provides support and connection to students to their classes and peers with in-person learning and, when needed, periodic distance learning, including distance participation with virtual classes for individuals in quarantine. To address each student's academic needs, Kuspuk School District will administer benchmark assessments, classroom and/or program-based assessments. The diagnostic assessments are designed to inform instruction, recovery and intervention and account for learning loss, as well as determine the present performance levels of students on math and literacy standards. KSD will administer the STAR Early Literacy, STAR Reading, and Star Math and iReady Reading and iReady Math assessment as the initial diagnostic. The results of these assessments will assist in measuring the performance and growth of students from one school year to the next and are used by teachers

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and school staff to inform instruction and personalize learning – identifying areas of strength as well as areas that need additional support. Site administrators and teaching staff will meet to identify where students are academically and work to establish and implement classroom-level plans for addressing learning gaps. KSD will provide additional instructional supports to students:

- At risk of not graduating on time
- Students with disabilities
- Students who struggled prior to COVID
- Other students identified as being behind academically by teachers and parents
- Kuspuk School District will continue site implementation of Response to Intervention (RtI)

Social, Emotional, Mental Health

- Provide students and staff opportunities to express their feelings verbally and non-verbally as is appropriate for age. A licensed clinic social worker is a resource available to all students and staff. The social worker offers strategies and opportunities to validate the feelings and concerns of all students and staff as they are expressed or outline a specified time to provide resources for coping.

Periodic Review

Describe how the district will periodically review and revise its mitigation plan, as appropriate, including a description of how the district will seek public input and take such input into account on (1) whether revisions are necessary and, if so, (2) the proposed revisions to the plan. Important Note: The district must review its mitigation plan no less frequently than every six months for the duration of the ARP ESSER grant period (i.e., through September 30, 2023).

Kuspuk School District administration will review the district's mitigation plans every six months and include the review and update in public meetings with the School Board, thereby seeking and considering public input. The first review will take place in late July 2021 through August 2021 in order to prepare for the new school year and after any updates to guidance from the CDC and Alaska DHSS.