

# St. Mary's School District American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act Mitigation Plan Template

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## 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:** Dee Dee Ivanoff

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** 09/08/2023

# 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](#)

Anyone entering the school building are not required to wear a mask.

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

Physical distancing is not being practiced as was during COVID.

3. [Handwashing and respiratory etiquette](#)

Anyone entering the school buildings must immediately use hand sanitizer.

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

Each classroom and work area will be cleaned at the end of the day.

5. [Contact tracing in combination with isolation and quarantine, in collaboration with the State, local, territorial, or Tribal health departments](#)

The St. Mary's School District governing board has adopted to follow all YKHC formal school guidelines. St. Mary's School District will implement the 5 day isolation/quarantine guidelines as recommended by YKHC.

6. [Diagnostic and screening testing](#)

St. Mary's School District has a CLIA license to administer the BiNax Now COVID-19 test by Abbot, as well as to distribute over the counter tests. Any person testing positive on district administration of tests or over the counter tests will report to YKHC agencies for contact tracing. In addition, the district has worked with the state of Alaska and YKHC and has become trained and licensed to administer the Abbot BiNax Now COVID-19 tests. The district will test all staff and students as needs arise.

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

All of the current St. Mary's School District educators and staff are fully vaccinated and boosted. In addition, the school district is working closely with the St. Mary's YKHC sub-regional clinic to ensure that everyone who is eligible for the vaccine and booster is aware of how to sign up to receive the vaccine and/or booster

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

All students will receive appropriate accommodations with respect to the health and safety policies regardless of their accommodation and/or disabilities. The district will ensure that all IEPs are followed and will keep all parents and guardians informed.

## 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).

The district has a plan for dealing with the COVID-19 virus among students and staff, which is guided by YKHC. The district will be hiring a full time certified K-12 Counselor to assist with the social emotional, mental health, and other needs of students and staff.

## 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).

St. Mary's School District will review the mitigation plan every six months at minimum and revise, as appropriate, based on the information received from the CDC and YKHC medical teams. The district will seek public input through meetings with the Parent Advisory Committee, City of St. Mary's City Council, and through St. Mary's School District Governing Board meetings. The public is invited to participate in these meetings and the district will take all input of the public into account when updating and/or revising the mitigation plan for the district.