

## ***DRAFT STATUS***

# **RHODES SCHOOL DISTRICT 84.5'S ARP – LEA AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN (ESSER III) RETURN TO IN-PERSON INSTRUCTION AND CONTINUITY OF SERVICES PLAN**

### **Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services Plan**

Rhodes School District is a one-building school with less than 600 students. It is located in River Grove, Illinois and enrolls students from the western part of River Grove and northern part of Melrose Park.

#### Maintaining Health and Safety:

To reduce the risk of transmission, the following mitigation strategies for the 2021-2022 school year and guidance from local health department, IDPH, ISBE, and CDC will be followed:

- Use of water bottle filling stations
- Wearing of masks
- Physical distancing of 3-6 feet per ISBE guidelines
- Using assigned seating, cohorts, and podding when appropriate
- Conducting proper handwashing
- Making hand sanitizer available
- Doing targeted cleaning
- Increasing airflow through the building by keeping doors open to the hallways and windows and exterior doors open weather permitting.
- Reporting positive or suspected cases to the local health department
- Sharing information for local vaccination sites/providers through our district website and staff and parent communications
- Providing appropriate accommodations for students with disabilities as identified in the student's Individualized Education Program

#### Ensuring Continuity of Services:

We will continue to take appropriate actions to ensure continuity of services to students. These actions will focus on addressing students' academic, social, emotional, and mental health needs. Proposed plans to provide a continuity of services are as follows:

- Retaining and hiring additional school social workers, math and reading interventionists, curriculum director, bilingual teachers, etc.
- Provide professional development for staff
- Utilize testing to measure and monitor academic growth and loss

- Make Chromebooks available to all students
- Implement Summer School/Extended Day programming
- Increase intervention and academic support opportunities
- Increased social work services and outreach
- Continue the distribution of the National School Lunch and Breakfast meals to families in the communities throughout the summer until onsite meals begin at school

Opportunity for Public Comment:

The draft plan will be presented to the public at the school board meeting held in July 2021, shared with the staff at the August 2021 teacher institute meeting, and then posted on the school district website with an opportunity for feedback at the before-mentioned times. All community and staff feedback will be considered in revising the draft plan. Such revisions will occur through amendments (updates) in the ESSER III application.

Periodic Review and Revision of the Plan:

During the period in which ESSER III funds are available, the school district will review and revise the plan at least every six months. These revisions will take into account staff, parent, and community feedback, as well as updated guidance from the local health department, IDPH, ISBE, and CDC.

For the Public:

The school district has taken the following steps to ensure availability of the plan to families and the community:

- This draft plan will be posted on the school district website ([rhodes.k12.il.us](http://rhodes.k12.il.us))
- This plan is available in multiple language through our website's translation app and may be translated orally by request. Please contact Sarah Ta to request a translation at 708-453-6813 or [sta@rhodes.k12.il.us](mailto:sta@rhodes.k12.il.us)
- A parent who is an individual with a disability as defined by the ADA may request the plan in an alternative format. Please contact Nicole Newsome to make such a request at 708-453-6813 or [nnewsome@rhodes.k12.il.us](mailto:nnewsome@rhodes.k12.il.us)