



# DeKalb Independent School District Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services Plan

**Please note: This plan is contingent upon CDC guidelines and state updates as conditions change.**

## **Introduction:**

DeKalb ISD is applying for CRRSA, ESSER II and ARP, ESSER III funding. The purpose of ESSER II is to prevent, prepare for or respond to the COVID-19 pandemic. The purpose of ESSER III is to help safely reopen and sustain the safe operation of schools and address the impact of the coronavirus pandemic on students.

## **Maintaining Health and Safety:**

To reduce the risk of transmission DeKalb ISD plans the following mitigation strategies for the 2021-2022 school year (per current CDC guidelines):

- Proper handwashing is encouraged
- Hand sanitizer is available
- Optional wearing of masks (as written in Executive Order No. GA-36 signed May 18, 2021)
- The use of assigned seating, cohorts, and podding when appropriate to maximize social distancing
- Targeted cleaning as appropriate (especially high contact areas)
- Positive cases will be reported to the local health department
- Local vaccination sites/providers available on the following website  
<https://www.vaccines.gov/search/>
- Appropriate accommodations for students with disabilities as identified in the student's Individualized Education Program

## **Ensuring Continuity of Services:**

DeKalb ISD 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:

- To provide instructional materials/resources, activities, and outreach to meet the needs of students.
- To provide social and emotional/counseling, wellness supports to students and professional development (training) to staff.
- To provide technology updates and improve infrastructure and connectivity.
- To provide summer enrichment opportunities to accelerate learning.
- To provide tutoring and afterschool programs to accelerate learning.
- To provide staff development to accelerate learning.
- To provide extended school hours to accelerate learning.
- Additional Elementary Interventionist Staff.
- Additional Instructional Support Staff.

**See the DeKalb ISD Use of ESSER III Funds Plan for further details.**

## **Opportunity for Public Comment:**

During the development of the plan, needs were prioritized based on wellness and instructional continuity. The draft plan was presented to the public through the Board of Trustees Meeting held on Monday, June 21, 2021. district website at [www.dekalbisd.net](http://www.dekalbisd.net) and social media. Staff, student, parent and community surveys were opened for input from May 18, 2021 through July 15, 2021. All feedback will be considered in revising the draft plan.

## **Periodic Review and Revision of the Plan:**

During the period in which ESSER III funds are available, DeKalb ISD will review and revise the plan at least every six months. These revisions will take into account parent and community feedback, as well as updated guidance from the Texas Education Agency.

## **For the Public:**

DeKalb ISD has taken the following steps to ensure availability of the plan to families and the community:

- This plan is posted on the DISD website <https://www.dekalbisd.net/>
- This plan is available for electronic translation in up to 10 different languages through our current website provider.
- This plan may be translated orally by request. Please contact Emily Lee to request a translation at [emily.lee@dekalbisd.net](mailto:emily.lee@dekalbisd.net) or 903-667-2566.
- A parent who is an individual with a disability as defined by the ADA may request the plan in an alternative format. Please contact Emily Lee to request a translation at [emily.lee@dekalbisd.net](mailto:emily.lee@dekalbisd.net) or 903-667-2566.