



SCHUYLKILL TECHNOLOGY CENTER

2021-2022

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

Health and Safety Plan Summary: **Schuylkill Technology Center**

Initial Effective Date: July 13, 2021

Date of Last Review: April 12, 2021

Date of Last Revision: April 12, 2021

1. How will the LEA, to the greatest extent practicable, support prevention and mitigation policies in line with the most up-to-date guidance from the CDC for the reopening and operation of school facilities in order to continuously and safely open and operate schools for in-person learning?

Schuylkill Technology Center convened a Pandemic Committee comprised of Administrators, School Nurses, Maintenance and Support Staff as well as Teachers. The STC Administrator and School Nurses work with Schuylkill County Emergency Management Services, the Superintendents of the 12 Member Districts, the PA Department of Health, and the PAIU Network to monitor the most up-to-date CDC and PA Department of Education Guidance. Health and Safety Plans are updated and revisions are submitted for board approval as changes are required. STC is committed to providing in-person instruction to the greatest extent possible. STC utilized a combination of social distancing, disinfecting, and monitoring to provide a safe environment for in-person instruction for the 2020/2021 School Year and we plan to deploy the same strategies for the 2021/2022 School Year. All Staff, Students, Parents and Teachers are notified of changes via email and the STC Alert System.

2. How will the LEA ensure continuity of services, including but not limited to services to address the students' academic needs, and students' and staff members' social, emotional, mental health, and other needs, which may include student health and food services?

Several Staff and Teachers have completed Social Emotional Learning (SEL) Training to better address student needs. STC employs a Social-Worker and School Counselor, and we embrace MTSS protocols for monitoring student well-being and progress. The School Nurses maintains consistent communication with teachers and staff regarding any health related concerns. STC Administration communicates with the sending districts regarding student academic progress, emotional and physical well-being.

ARP ESSER Requirement	Strategies, Policies, and Procedures
a. Universal and correct wearing of <u>masks</u> ;	Students and staff will follow the most current CDC and PA Department of Education Guidance regarding face coverings in school.
b. Modifying facilities to allow for <u>physical distancing</u> (e.g., use of cohorts/podding);	STC will employ social distancing in classrooms, lecture rooms and cafeterias by dividing students by level within their program of study and keeping student desks 3 feet apart in social studies classrooms.
c. <u>Handwashing and respiratory etiquette</u> ;	Handwashing will be continually monitored and prompted upon arrival to the classroom, before and after meals, and use of the restroom. All classrooms are equipped with sinks.
d. <u>Cleaning</u> and maintaining healthy facilities, including improving <u>ventilation</u> ;	STC utilized grant funding to purchase air-purification systems in cafeterias. Maintenance Staff will disinfect all classroom at the end of the day as well as the cafeteria between each lunch period using electro-static disinfecting sprayers. Students are asked to wipe down desks at the end of each social studies class.
e. <u>Contact tracing</u> in combination with <u>isolation</u> and <u>quarantine</u> , in collaboration with the State and local health departments;	The school nurse will maintain tracking and assuring the use of isolation and quarantine areas as needed. STC administration will communicate with parents, sending districts, bus vendors and the PA DOH regarding exposure and positive COVID-19 cases as per CDC Guidelines.
f. <u>Diagnostic</u> and screening testing;	STC encourages parents and staff to self-monitor diagnostic screening and stay home if needed. Signs posted at the main entrance, will remind visitors to self-monitor. The School Nurses will assess any students identified as showing symptoms and triage as needed.
g. Efforts to provide <u>vaccinations to school communities</u> ;	Schuylkill Intermediate Unit, parent organization of STC, hosted a vaccination clinic in March 2021 to vaccinate school professionals. Information regarding local vaccination clinics was sent to all STC Households via our alert system.
h. Appropriate accommodations for students with disabilities with respect to health and safety policies; and	Accommodations for any students with disabilities, as approved by the IEP team will be initiated as required under IDEA and any Health Plans.

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i. Coordination with state and local health officials.	The Administrator and School Nurses will maintain communication with state and local health officials regarding positive cases and changing COVID-19 Guidance.

Health and Safety Plan Governing Body Affirmation Statement

The Board of Directors/Trustees for **Schuylkill Technology Center** reviewed and approved the Health and Safety Plan on **July 12, 2021**

The plan was approved by a vote of: **7-0**

Yes

No

Affirmed on: **July 12, 2021**

By:



(Signature of Board President)*

Mr. Scott Jacoby

(Print Name of Board President)

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