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American Rescue Plan Response to Covid-19 And ESSER III Update

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Your Input is Needed!

Utopian Academy for the Arts is requesting your input on its plan for safely reopening our school using federal funds from the American Rescue Plan. On March 11, 2021, President Biden signed the American Rescue Plan into law providing \$1.9 trillion in COVID-19 relief funds, \$125 billion of which was allocated to K-12 education.

Utopian Academy for the Arts received \$1 million dollars to implement strategies that enabled us to mitigate the impact of COVID-19 and safely reopen our campus.





INTRODUCTIONS

Dr. Artesius Miller
Founder and Superintendent
Utopian Academy for the Arts
Charter School Network



UAFA Leadership

Dr. Johanna Strong

Principal

UAFA Middle School

Dean Miller

Dean of Schools

UAFA Charter School

A photograph of a classroom. A male teacher in a dark suit and red tie stands in the center background, looking towards the camera. Several students are seated at desks in the foreground and middle ground, some looking down at their work. The classroom has white walls, a wooden door on the left, and shelves with backpacks and posters in the background.

UTOPIAN MISSION STATEMENT

Through a structured and supportive environment, Utopian Academy for the Arts (UAFA) will develop the academic and artistic talents of students and prepare them to enter and succeed in the global society with proficiency to enroll in the college, university, or specialty school of their choice.



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Purpose of Funds

- Provide for the safe return to in-person instruction consistent with the most current guidance on reopening schools.
- Address learning loss through evidence-based interventions.
- Target students disproportionately impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic
- Maintain continuity of services for students and staff including social-emotional learning, mental health, student health, and food & nutrition services





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CARES I	CARES II
Student Devices	Additional Custodial Staff
Hand Sensors	Bus Stop Monitors
Sneeze Guards	Technology Support Staff
Disinfectant Supplies	Additional Food & Nutrition Staff
Masks	100 Surface Tablets
Face Shields	Intervention Coordinator (Dr. Strong)
Classroom PPE Kits	Operations Director
	Additional Facility Sanitation
	Bonus Pay for Staff



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Priority Areas

Address Learning Loss

Technology Upgrades

Facility Improvements & Safety Measures



Intervention Area	Description
Cleaning	Hiring Additional Custodians Purchase upgraded cleaning products & Equipment Electrostatic Sprayer investment Self cleaning surface on doors and handles,
Air Quality	CO2 Sensor Replacement throughout the entire facility and filter upgrades provided through air filtration systems
Herd Thinning	Purchase of Hand Sanitizing Stations Custodial Sanitizing of Bathrooms 3X Day Daily Fogging of Classrooms Purchase of Classroom Disinfecting & Sanitizing Kits
PPE	Masks no longer required by staff Masks provided as needed Returned to In Person following CDC guidelines

Current/Planned COVID-19 Measures

The Built Environment

Cleaning

Air Quality

Herd Thinning

Hand Sanitizer

Systems To Keep Us Safe

Mask Mandate

Health Monitoring

Behavior Changes

Signage



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Intervention Area	Description
Mask Mandate	Our mask mandate is no longer in place.
Health Monitoring	Daily temperature scanning no longer required upon entry of the building Students & Staff will be monitored for health symptoms and isolated under supervision if symptoms are presented Contact Tracing & Reporting
Behavior Changes	Process adherence Monitoring for signs of illness Maintain ongoing awareness of CDC guidelines
Signage	Building signage to support safe and healthy behaviors and hygiene



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Breakfast Service

- Breakfast will now be served and eaten in the cafeteria
- Food will be stored in warmers and served by the staff

Lunch Service

All meals will be served in the cafeteria

Checkout/cashier will have protected guards in place to mitigate transmission of infections



Arrival & Dismissal Procedures

Arrival

- Parent drop-offs: 6th through 8th grades will enter through the front doors of the school.
- All busses will enter lane#1 and drop off students who will exit the bus and enter their designated grade level entrance

Dismissal

- Busses will load from lane#1 and depart
- Parent pick-up will be at the lower lot.



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In-Person Instructional Model (6-8)

- Traditional instruction on an 80 minute block schedule
- Blended in some ARTS classes (Dance, Music, Art classes where student will interact with instructors)
- Standards-Based Content Facilitated by Utopian Staff Member
- Student schedule provided
- Individual devices provided
- Paperless, contactless learning



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Instructional Structures & Resources (6-8)

Classroom Preventative Measures

- Sanitization Kits in each classroom
- Daily sanitization in the classrooms
- UAFA follows CDC guidelines

Instructional Resources

Individual resources when possible while in the classroom for hands-on learning

- Manipulative kits (pre-packaged)
- Individual texts
- Lab Supplies
- Daily Supplies



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CARES III AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN

Learning Loss Summer Intervention Funds (2 Years)

Paraprofessionals to Support Classroom Instruction

Instructional Technology Support & Training for Teachers

On-Site Technology Support

New Furniture

Additional Replacement Technology Devices

Facility Deep Sanitation

Replaced Milk Cooler, Refrigerator, Ice Machine

Custodial Equipment

Computer Science-Animation Lab

Upgrade to wiring to increase Wifi strength



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Stakeholder Feedback Link

Thank you for taking the time to review our current plan. Please click on the link below and provide us with your feedback.

<https://forms.office.com/r/VMnrTgmd6q>

