



Return to Learn and Continuity of Services Plan Extension 2024, 2025

East Shore Leadership Academy will continue to prioritize full, in-person teaching and learning which provides the greatest benefit to our students. The Return to Learn Plan provides detailed guidance to ensure that COVID-19 prevention and mitigation strategies are implemented in a way that furthers optimal learning environments while simultaneously ensuring the health and safety for students and staff in our services and programs.

Please Note: This plan may change and evolve as knowledge changes surrounding current and potential variants or if the risks of severe disease, hospitalizations, or death increase. The plan may also need to vary based on in-school COVID-19 activity and outbreaks. If such changes are necessary, transition time may be needed to allow the District to adjust mitigation strategies. This plan will be reviewed at least every six months, and updates will be completed and communicated as necessary.

Supporting Documents: [MDE and MDHHS “Managing Communicable Diseases in Schools”](#)
[MDHHS Readiness, Response, Recovery Cycle](#) [CDC Community Levels](#) [Mi Safe Start Map](#)

The CDC will determine the COVID-19 community level for the county. Based on the community COVID-19 level, in consultation with the Saint Clair County Health Department (SCCHD), East Shore Leadership Academy will determine the number of mitigation strategies to implement to advance optimal learning environments while simultaneously ensuring the health and safety of students and staff.

East Shore Leadership Academy will comply with any and all local, state, and federal mandates and/or orders.

- Saint Clair County Health Department (SCCHD)
- Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS)
- Centers for Disease Control (CDC)

Instructional Format

In an effort to accommodate the desires for our community and return as many students as possible to face-to-face instruction, which the District believes is the best place for students to be, the District plans to continue face-to-face in-person instruction for the students.

Educational Goals

NWEA assessments in reading and mathematics will be administered to all students three times each year as directed Northern Michigan University as they set the testing window.

The goals for East Shore Leadership Academy are as follows:

1. *From fall 2023 to spring 2024, 60% of ESLA students in grades 3-8 will meet or exceed their individual growth projections on NWEA in Reading and Math.*
2. *From fall 2023 to spring 2024, 60% of ESLA students in grades K-2 will meet or exceed their individual growth projections on NWEA in Reading and Math.*

New goals are set annually.

Mental Health Supports

The district has increased mental health services by providing behavior intervention staff and training for all staff in relation to learning loss, trauma, and topics related to social emotional learning (SEL). For example, the school uses The Leader in Me model that serves as a great tool to address SEL.

Addressing Learning Loss

The district will offer after school support via tutoring and after school activities as well as summer programming when possible. Furthermore, the intervention team will increase the amount of time with students as deemed necessary outlined in the School Improvement Plan.

Special Services

East Shore Leadership Academy has dedicated special education staff to serve all special education students. This will provide support for students in reaching their IEP goals and accessing the general education curriculum. Staff will support general education face-to-face teachers.

Cleaning and Disinfecting

East Shore Leadership Academy will continue to follow regular cleaning and disinfection procedures. Additional cleaning and disinfecting procedures may be implemented in classrooms if needed.

COVID-19 Testing

Testing will not be required but may be offered to staff and families through the SCCHD.

Extracurricular and Field Trips

Extracurricular activities and/or field trips may occur as scheduled.

Face Coverings (Masks)

Masks are available for all staff, students, volunteers, and visitors if needed but are not required.

Food Service

The District will continue normal food service operations.

Gathering and Facility Use

There are no restrictions on gatherings or use of facilities.

Hand Hygiene and Respiratory Etiquette

Hand Hygiene will be encouraged.

Isolation and Quarantine

In-district/out-of-district meetings and conferences will be permitted if such a time presents itself.

Offices

East Shore Leadership Academy will be open for normal school business. Visitors and guests are allowed.

Remote/Virtual Learning

Face-to-face instruction continues to be a priority for all students. The District will do its best to provide resources for students who are unable to attend in person learning due to isolation or quarantine. If a classroom or school is closed, all students impacted by the closure may be provided remote learning opportunities throughout the duration of the closure.

Social Distancing

Social distancing measures are not required.

Health Screening

Parents/guardians should conduct a daily student wellness check prior to sending students to school. See the student illness section.

Student Illness

Students exhibiting the following symptoms that are new or may experience a change from baseline health or chronic illness, should remain home or may be excluded from school until the student is symptom-free for 24 hours without the aid of medication or as indicated for their illness. (<https://scchealthdept.com/covid-19/>)

- Temperature 100.4+ or signs of fever (chills/sweating)
- Sore throat
- New onset of cough
- Diarrhea
- Vomiting
- Abdominal pain
- New onset of headache
- Loss of taste or smell
- Congestion or runny nose
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches

Transportation

East Shore Leadership Academy does not provide student busing.

Vaccinations

The district is not requiring staff or students to be vaccinated. SCCHD, MDHHS, and CDC recommend COVID-19 vaccination as the leading public health prevention strategy to end the COVID-19 pandemic as well as keep schools, extracurricular activities, and sports safely operational and in person.

Reconfirmation May 20, 2024 Board Meeting