

ERIE RISE LEADERSHIP ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL

Informed Re-Entry Plan for 2021-2022 School Year



The Erie Rise Leadership Academy Charter School is committed to maintaining academic quality and providing students an excellence education. This Re-entry Plan is presented to identify the goals for teaching and learning as we move into the 2021-2022 school year. The plan defines procedures, expectations and protocols for continued education for our students in all possible Pennsylvania reopening phases (Low, Moderate/Substantial and High).

A MESSAGE FROM THE CEO

Dear ERLACS Families,

While the Pandemic has not been officially declared over, the Erie Rise Leadership Academy Charter School is preparing for the return of students by taking the following three steps:

1. Determine what is safe to do based on the latest Public Health Data.
2. Make decisions based on local health conditions and school-specific information (do what's best for Rise).
3. Have a plan ready for remote learning, full and hybrid. While the plan is to be open in full, be ready should the spread in Erie call for an option other than face to face instruction.

As much as we want our school to operate at full capacity, we must follow the recommendations, guidelines and decisions set forth by our medical authorities regarding our school, if Rise is again to be one of the safest schools in town for our students and staff.

We are required to develop and implement a Health and Safety Plan for our school to ensure all students are being provided the best opportunities for academic growth while still allowing flexibility to our plan to meet every need. We believe our Health plan does this.

This document should be considered adaptable, as it is subject to change based on the status of Erie County in reference to Covid-19 reopening phases. We are carefully planning school operations in all three phases (low, moderate/substantial and high) and are eager to open in a safe manner for the 2021-2022 school year.

Thanks again for trusting us to get it right,

Aubrey Favors

Aubrey Favors, Interim CEO

EDUCATION TEAM

Areas of Focus include:

- **Health and Safety:** Ensure a safe, clean and healthy school for all students and staff.
- **Teaching and Learning:** Provide learning through curriculum instruction online or in-person.
- **Food Service:** Provide wholesome meals to our students.
- **Communication:** Continued communication with students and their family.
- **Transportation:** Maintain safe transport for schooling and after school programs.
- **Behavioral Health:** Support the developmental, social and emotional needs of all students.
- **Athletics:** Secure a safe and healthy environment for student athletics.
- **Equality and Free Appropriate Public Education (FAPE):** Support FAPE and equality for all students.

The Erie Rise Leadership Academy Charter School is dedicated to creating a safe and healthy environment for students to learn. The Education Team consists of teachers, nurses, staff and administrators. We encourage community members to join our team as we assist in developing a plan that identifies guidelines, procedures, and policies for re-entry into the 2021-2022 school year.



LEARNING PATHWAYS

These plans were created with involvement and recommendations from the Center for Disease Control, Erie County Department of Health and Pennsylvania Department of Education based on the level of Covid-19 cases within the Erie County community.

LOW: In Low level, staff will be in the school building for in person instruction and education. All grades (K-8) will attend Monday-Thursday with full day instruction with a half day on Friday. High risk students as per parent request may attend virtually. Health and Safety guidelines will remain in place to reduce the spread of sickness while providing a safe learning environment.

MODERATE/SUBSTANTIAL: In Moderate/Substantial level limited staff will be in school building. Students will be provided an option for a blended online and in-person learning experience (two or three days in person and two or three days online/virtual). Remaining staff will work from home via telework process. Continued health and safety guidelines will be in place to reduce the spread of any illness.

HIGH: In High level, Erie Rise will follow the guidelines put forth by the Pennsylvania Department of Education, Center for Disease Control and Pennsylvania Department of Health. During this phase, ERLACS will be closed and all learning will take place online.

Low Level

This model will allow our students and staff to return to full-time learning on campus. The schools will operate under the recommendations of state and local health officials. This phase eases most restrictions, while still encouraging social distancing and placement of limitations for large groups.

ERLACS will make every effort to maintain a safe and healthy school environment while delivering academic instruction that engages and challenges our students.

Capacity: Capacity of number of students will be at 100%.

Schedule: All grades (K-8) will attend Monday-Thursday with full day instruction with a half day instruction on Friday. High risk students as per parent request may attend online. Health and Safety guidelines will remain in place to reduce the spread of sickness while providing a safe learning environment.

Transportation: Students will be permitted to ride the bus while attending classes in-person at a capacity adherent to CDC guidelines. (*Students and staff should have seating at least 3 feet apart and not facing one another, when feasible. All students will be able to be bussed and start the school day at the same time).

Food Service: Plated or packaged lunches will be provided to each student in the classroom setting. Cafeteria gatherings will not be permitted.

Masks: Required on buses and common areas. Masks are encouraged for students in classrooms. (Subject to change based on Department of Health and Pennsylvania Department of Education recommendations).

Restrictions/ Accommodations: ERLACS will operate with added safety precautions, cleaning, sanitizing, disinfecting practices, lunch distribution processes, transportation practices along with health and safety precautions.

Moderate/Substantial Level

This model will allow our students to choose to participate in a blended model with learning and instruction through a combination of in-person and distance learning/online platforms (two or three days in person and two or three days online/virtual). ERLACS will deliver academic programming that engages and challenges our students. The schools will operate under the recommendations of state and local health officials.

Capacity: Students will attend 50% in-person.

Schedule: K-8th learning will take place through in-person and online educational platforms Monday-Friday to track student progress and growth.

Food Service: Lunches will continue to be provided to all students when in-person.

Restrictions/ Accommodations: Erie Rise buildings, grounds, and facilities will be open for essential employees.

High Level

This model will allow our students and staff to participate in full-time learning and instruction through online platforms. This model will ensure a safe and healthy school environment while delivering academic programming that engages and challenges our students. The schools will open under the recommendations of state and local health officials.

Capacity: Students will attend 100% online.

Schedule: K-8th Learning will take place through multiple online educational platforms Monday-Friday to track student progress and growth.

Food Service: Lunches will continue to be provided to all children ages 1-18 within the district.

Restrictions/ Accommodations: ERLACS buildings, grounds, and facilities will be closed for use. Only essential employees will be permitted in the building.



Education Team

<p>Facility Management</p> <p>ERLACS is committed to providing clean, disinfected, and safe facility and environment for staff, students, and the community.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Facility Protocols • Health and Safety Training • Building Cleaning and Maintenance • Flow of Traffic in Building 	<p>Equity and FAPE</p> <p>ERLACS is committed to ensuring equitable practices, FAPE, implementing IEPs, and providing necessary resources and support to our students.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implementation guidelines of FAPE, IEP's and 504's • Evaluation/Reevaluation of Exceptional Students • High-Risk Medical Students • Promoting an Inclusive Classroom Environment • Related Service Instruction: Speech, and Interpreter 	<p>Behavioral Health</p> <p>ERLACS is committed to supporting the behavioral, mental health, and social/emotional needs of all students.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supporting the Behavior and Mental Health of Students and Staff • Therapy and Counseling Options (In -Person, and Teletherapy) • Professional Development on Behavioral Health • Student Support Services, Support Team, SAP
<p>Communication</p> <p>ERLACS is committed to clear and continuous communication with all stakeholders in the ERLACS community.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communication with all stakeholders. • Communication posted on all online outlets. • Present the Education plan to the Board, PA Dept of Education and Community. 	<p>Food Service</p> <p>ERLACS is committed to providing healthy and nutritious meals to our students.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meal Preparation. • Service Staff safely. • Meal pick-up • Allergy Consideration. • Extended meal services. 	<p>Athletics</p> <p>ERLACS is committed to keeping students and staff safe while at school.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Practice protocols. • Monitoring & contact tracing. • Athlete health & hydration. • Facilities & equipment cleaning. • PIAA Guidelines/Staff Training.

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Re-entry Learning Survey

Yes, I have read the plan outlined above and would like my child(ren) to attend school in-person Monday-Friday.

Student Name: _____ Grade: _____

Student Name: _____ Grade: _____

Student Name: _____ Grade: _____

No, I do not wish for my child(ren) to attend as mentioned in the Re-entry Plan. I would like my child(ren) to attend a **Blended model (two to three days in-person and two-three days virtual)**.

Student Name: _____ Grade: _____

Student Name: _____ Grade: _____

Student Name: _____ Grade: _____

We at Erie Rise are asking for an immediate response by checking the preferred plan box(es), by signing and returning this form. This quick response will help to ensure we are doing everything to keep your child and family safe. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the school nurse (Jill Dent at: (814) 812-7670) or our CEO (Mr. Favors at: (814) 567-0886).

The form can be faxed to (814) 315-7670 or (814) 520-6413. Online submission to jdent@erieriseacademy.org.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____