

# Leadership Academy of Nevada 2021-22 School year Plan

## Background

Nevada Emergency Directive 044 and Senate Bill 215 (passed in the 2021 Legislative Session) provide requirements for schools to safely reopen for the 2021-22 school year. These include COVID-19 mitigation measures and a plan to address the health and safety of students and staff and the impact of COVID-19 on students' opportunity to learn (Nevada Emergency Directive 044). In addition, plans must include how schools will provide distance education to students who are unable to learn in person, and at a minimum, a plan for conducting a program of distance education for at least 10 school days in the event of an emergency that necessitates the closing of all public school in the state (Senate Bill 215).

Leadership Academy of Nevada, as a full-time distance education school, does not provide in-person learning and operates a small office with a minimal number of staff members. We have been minimally impacted by the effects of COVID-19 and have continued offering uninterrupted instruction and services during the pandemic. We will continue to operate as usual.

### In-Person Learning: Health and Safety

How will the school maintain the health and safety of students, educators, and other school staff? How is the school addressing key CDC recommendations including: Use of face coverings; Handwashing and respiratory etiquette; cleaning and maintaining healthy facilities, including improving ventilation; contract tracing; diagnostic and screening testing; efforts to increase access and awareness to vaccinations; and appropriate accommodations for children with disabilities with respect to health and safety policies?

Leadership Academy of Nevada is an online charter school under the Nevada State Public Charter School Authority. The model of our online charter school is that all instruction is done online with synchronous classes. Our teachers teach and students learn from home.

There may be some instances where students and staff will need to come to our main office to pick up materials such as books and laptops. When that happens, we will follow the CDC recommendations of using face coverings, washing hands, and using physical distance between individuals. We will also follow the guidelines for the small number of staff who work full-time in the office.

We have a <u>reporting process</u> in place for students and staff who test positive for COVID-19 to ensure contact tracing through the Southern Nevada Health District.

## In-Person Learning: Student and Staff Well-being

How will the school meet students' social, emotional, mental, and physical needs and provide access to a safe and inclusive learning environment? How will the school support educator and staff well-being?

As a fully virtual school, we will not have in-person learning, but will continue to meet the student's and staff's social, emotional, mental, and physical needs as outlined in our approved charter agreement. For the 2021-22 school year, we will be working with the Project Aware/MTSS team to enhance our safe and inclusive environment.

# In-Person Learning: Accelerating Student Learning

How will the school address the impact of COVID-19 on students' opportunity to learn, including implementing strategies for accelerating learning, effectively using data, and addressing resource inequities?

As a fully virtual school, we will not have in-person learning, but will continue to meet the academic needs as outlined in our approved charter agreement.

### Distance Education: Student Unable to Participate In-person

How will the school ensure that any student who falls into one of the categories listed below is able to participate in distance education that meets the requirements established for a Path Forward Program of Distance Education?

- Students who have documentation from a medical professional related to a condition that would be compromised by attending school in-person
- Students who are guarantined on the advice of local public health officials

As a Nevada approved distance education provider, we will continue to serve all students using our approved model of instruction.

## **Distance Education: Emergency Closures**

How will the school ensure that all students are able to continue to learn through distance education in the event that school must be closed due to the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic or another major emergency that necessitates the closure of school?

As a Nevada approved distance education provider, we will continue to serve all students using our approved model of instruction.

## **Distance Education: Supporting Students**

How will the school ensure continuity of services, including access to necessary technology and resources, special education and EL services, and nutrition services, for students participating in distance education?

As a Nevada-approved distance education provider, we will continue to serve all students (including those qualifying for special services) using our approved model of instruction.