



COVID 19 Parent Acknowledgements and Waiver

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Leading Edge Academy wants you to know that the education, safety and well-being of your child and the well-being of everyone in our School community is our highest priority. We at the School believe the best way for us to serve the educational needs of your children is to inform our school community about our efforts to make our schools as safe as possible. We want to let you know our efforts to make our School as safe as we can in light of current understanding of the relevant federal and state guidance, and appeal to you to make every effort you can to help us along the way so that we can create a safe environment for all students, teachers, staff and other members of our school community.

As we all take a first step into the uncharted territory of educating students during a pandemic, we have shared with you our re-opening plans, safety protocols and our expectations of you as parents and of your children as students as we embark upon the new school year. In creating the Re-Opening plan, we have not only listened to concerns and opinion of the parents and guardians of our students, we have taken into consideration the best practices suggested by the Arizona Department of Health, Centers for Disease Control, the Superintendent of Public Instruction that are frequently inconsistent.

We acknowledge and understand that opinions vary widely regarding the level of precautions that are appropriate in the face of this Pandemic and therefore it is impossible that we can create a Re-Opening Plan that will please everyone. We have done what we believe is in the better interests for the safety of everyone in our School community and ask for your respect and understanding as we try to deal with one of the most complex issues to ever confront public education. In developing this Re-Opening Plan, we relied heavily on parental input, the age of our students, the design and capacity of our facilities, and our reasonable judgment to keep everyone in our community as safe as we can. But no plan no matter how well-considered can guarantee that any environment is 100% safe.

Each campus has a designated "COVID19" communication liaison that will monitor ongoing guidance from the Arizona Department of Health, the Center for Disease Control and other officials regarding the re-opening of schools across the state and the country. The liaison may, from time to time, recommend that the School modify the Re-Opening Plan based upon new publicly available guidance regarding the Pandemic. If we should undertake any such modification, the School COVID19 communication liaison will notify all members of the School community by email not less than twenty-four hours prior to the effective time of any such change in the School Re-Opening Plan.

You will find a complete copy of the School's Re-Opening Plan and other COVID19 documentation on the School website. It is imperative that you read and understand the Re-Opening Plan and COVID19 Health Policy prior to your child attending in-person instruction at the School. If you have questions regarding the Re-Opening Plan generally or as they relate to

your child specifically, please contact your campus COVID19 Communication liaison. All inquiries will be treated confidentially.

We ask that you review the Re-Opening Plan and provide initial health information before your child begins attending in-person classes at the school. Upon review of this plan, the attached acknowledgement must be signed and returned to your child's school before they may begin in-person instruction.

WE NEED YOUR HELP TOO!

While these protocols are presented in the Re-Opening Plan, we feel it is important to draw your attention to actions that you can take on your part to help keep our community as safe as possible.

First, if your child is not feeling well for any reason whatsoever, keep your student home.

Second, if you, your student or someone in your family has contracted Covid-19 or has been exposed to someone who has tested positive for the Coronavirus after in-person classes resume, **YOU MUST NOTIFY THE CAMPUS COVID 19 CONTACT IMMEDIATELY.** We will keep this information confidential as required by law. However, knowing of a possible exposure by anyone in our School community will allow us to respond sensitively and appropriately and to alert others with whom your child may have come into contact to take appropriate precautions and seek testing if warranted. In the event of such a potential exposure, the School will implement the responses and guidelines regarding potential exposure in the COVID19 Health Policy for the health and safety of all in our community.

The COVID19 Contact emails for each campus are as follows:

Leading Edge Academy Maricopa: MaricopaC19@leadingedgeacademy.com

Leading Edge Academy East Mesa: EastMesaC19@leadingedgeacademy.com

Leading Edge Academy Mountain View: MountainViewC19@leadingedgeacademy.com

Leading Edge Academy Online: OnlineC19@leadingedgeacademy.com

Leading Edge Academy Gilbert Early College: GECC19@leadingedgeacademy.com

Leading Edge Academy Gilbert Elementary: GilbertC19@leadingedgeacademy.com

In closing, please acknowledge that you have read and understand the School's Re-Opening Plan and the COVID19 Health Policy and provide basic health information on or before August 13, 2020 if you plan on your child attending in-person instruction on the first day of school as permitted by the State of Arizona or prior to your child arriving at the School for in-person instruction.

PARENT ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND WAIVER

I understand that _____ (the “School”) has implemented protocols taking into consideration parental input, certain infection control guidance from the Arizona Department of Health and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in an effort to keep my child safe. These protocols and procedures have been codified in the School Re-Opening Plan and COVID19 Health Policy that I acknowledge having received and have read and understand. I further understand that despite adherence to these protocols and precautions, my child may nonetheless be exposed to, or contract COVID-19 or other viruses as a result of in-person instruction at the School and that COVID-19 may be subsequently transmitted from my child to me, my family, or to others with whom we come in contact. While the School complies with the School’s Re-Opening Plan that includes suggestions from the Arizona Department of Health and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention infection control guidelines to prevent the spread of the COVID-19 virus, the School cannot make any guarantees.

To the best of the School’s knowledge, the School’s staff are symptom-free and have not been exposed to the virus. However, since the School has many employees who work at our facilities, and many students who will attend the School for in-person instruction, persons could be infected, with or without their knowledge.

I attest as follows (please initial each line):

_____ My child is not currently awaiting the results of a COVID-19 test.

_____ Nobody in my child’s household is awaiting the results of a COVID-19 test.

_____ My child does not currently have a fever, shortness of breath, a dry cough, runny nose, sore throat, sneezing, watery eyes, and/or sinus pressure that is not unusual and not related to seasonal allergies.

_____ My child has not experienced headaches, fatigue, or weakness.

_____ My child has not lost his/her sense of taste and/or smell.

_____ I will promptly notify the School and not send my child to School if my child develops a fever, any of the above-listed symptoms or illness, or tests positive for COVID-19.

I give permission for my child to attend in-person instruction at the School. I am familiar with, and knowingly accept the health risks and hazards associated with in-person instruction, including, but not limited to, the risks associated with the COVID-19 virus.

Student Name: _____

Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Print Parent/Guardian Name: _____