

Crawford School

Return to Learning Plan

Frequently Asked Questions Document

August/2020

Q. When will the Crawford School begin the 2020-2021 school year?

Crawford School will begin the school year with a “hybrid” learning plan on Tuesday-September 8, 2020 and Wednesday-September 9, 2020. If your child is in grades K-5, they will not begin until Wednesday-September 9, in-person at the school. Students in grades 6-8 will begin on Tuesday-September 8, 2020 will a full, in-person, full day of instruction.

Q. What if we are not certain the “hybrid” learning plan is best for our family and prefer a 100% remote learning format?

This is a challenging time for all of us. We have collaborated throughout the Spring and Summer of 2020 with Region Health Department #10 and other entities to ensure the health of our school community is a priority. Although we believe the protocols, procedures and precautions we have in place provide us with the safest option possible, parents may have concerns. Parents not comfortable with our Return to Learning Plan are encouraged to contact any Crawford Staff member with questions. We will try to accommodate those concerns to the best of our professional abilities to ensure student learning.

Q. Why aren't we starting school with a 100% remote learning format?

The physical health of students, staff, parents and our school community is a priority. We believe, in collaboration with Region Health Department #10, our school can successfully return to in-person learning with safety protocols and procedures in place. We believe and trust our Crawford School community will work together to follow these safety protocols. In addition to the physical health of our students, their social-emotional health is a priority. Research supports students learn best while physically at school, with their peers and with our highly qualified staff members. We believe our Return to Learning Plan blends both in-person and remote learning to meet the needs of our students, while keeping their health a priority. In addition, this has been very challenging for parents. We believe our “hybrid” Return to Learning Plan will give us the best chance to learn in a healthy environment and support our dedicated parents.

Q. Will bus transportation be available?

Yes. Ms. Sherry will be transporting students for in-person learning who reside within our school district. She will also be transporting in district high school students to Forest Area and Kalkaska. Temperature checks and screening will take place before they take their seat. Masks will be required on the bus. Bus transportation is a privilege, so students not complying with the mask requirement may lose the right to ride. We expect all of us to work together on this.

Q. Is it safe to return to school in-person?

Yes. We have worked with Region Health Department #10 throughout the summer. In fact, last week the Health Department communicated it is safe for students to physically return to school, based on regional health data. To be safe, we will stagger students attending our school to allow for six foot distancing between desks. We have purchased special sanitizing machines for the school and bus. This spray machine is safe and efficient. Safety protocols will be in place and enforced.

Q. What if we do not have the internet for the days my child will learn remotely?

This is a challenge and we respect that. Students will receive learning packets from their teachers on the days they are in-person at the school. For students without technology access at home, they will have the learning packets to complete. We will need to arrange how they check in with their teacher for attendance on remote learning days. Attendance is mandatory, not like last spring. We encourage parents to communicate technology concerns with Crawford staff.

Q. Will masks be required?

Masks will be required during certain times of the day and in specific areas. Students are not required to wear masks once they are safely at their assigned desk space, which will be six feet from other students. If students approach the teacher desk, use the bathroom or leave their six foot space, they will be required to wear their mask. We ask for masks to be cleaned on a daily/nightly basis. Masks will be required on the bus at all times and when entering our school.

Q. What if a student has symptoms of COVID 19 while on the bus or at school?

Students with symptoms upon screening before entering the bus will not be allowed to ride. Students at school who develop symptoms, will be quarantined to the front of the school or in the bathroom. Parents will be notified immediately to arrange transportation for their student. It is recommended students with symptoms receive a COVID 19 test through Region Health Department #10 or their primary care physician. Students not tested will be out of school for 10 calendar days. Students who are tested, and the test is negative (no COVID 19) may return to school if symptoms disappear after 24 hours. We will work with the Health Department if these issues arise.

Q. What if a student or family member has symptoms while at home?

Please keep the student home and notify the school immediately.

Q. What if a student tests positive for COVID 19 and/or comes in close contact with someone who has tested positive?

We will work with Region Health Department #10. Students will most likely be out of school for at least 10 calendar days. If the student was at school, a decision to close the school for 10 days will be made in collaboration with the Health Department.

Q. How long will this “hybrid” learning plan be in place?

We will work with our Health Department to determine if and when we can hopefully return to our regular schedule. We should be prepared to be in this “hybrid” plan for an extended period of time. We should also be prepared to implement a full remote learning plan if the situation arises.

Q. Will the students have recess?

Yes. Our students will have recess periods, outside. The periods will be less than 15 minutes to diminish possible exposure. Masks will be optional while students are outside.

Q. Student screening.

Student temperatures will be checked upon entering the bus and the school. Our bus driver and teachers will have battery operated thermometers. Brief screening questions will also be asked. Parents are also asked to partner with us in screening their children each morning and providing them with a clean mask each day.