

Return to Learning Plan

Crawford Excelsior Township School District #1

August/2020

Crawford Excelsior Township School District #1, commonly known as Crawford School, is pleased to present our Return to Learning Plan (RTL) for the 2020-2021 school year. Our Return to Learning (RTL) Plan was developed throughout the summer of 2020, utilizing critical input and discussion from important stakeholders. This collaboration includes: students, parents, staff, board members, community members, neighboring school districts, Michigan Department of Education, Traverse Bay Area Intermediate School District and regional health departments. The safety of our students, staff, families and school community is the highest priority within our plan. Although our school is within Region 6 and currently has a Phase 5 status as determined by our state, we are taking extra precautions to ensure the health and safety of our school community.

I. INSTRUCTIONAL FORMAT

Crawford School will successfully implement a “hybrid” Return to Learning Plan. Although a recent discussion with Region Health Department #10 indicated “in-person” instruction may occur within our region due to low COVID 19 testing data, we will use recommended safety protocols. The small size of our school affords many positive opportunities for student learning. Our size also brings us extremely close together on a daily basis. We expect to have 49 students in grades Kindergarten thru 8th grade to start the school year. Students are placed into three cohort groups, grades K-2 (11 students), 3-5 (12 students) and 6-8 (26 students). Each of our three certified and highly qualified teachers are assigned a cohort group. Therefore, due to enrollment and the physical size of our school, we will offer a “hybrid” approach to teaching and learning.

Students in grades K-5 (23 students) will physically attend school “in-person” on Monday-Wednesday-Friday from 7:30 am to 2:11 pm. On Tuesday and Thursday, our K-5 students will learn remotely, guided by our certified teachers. Remote learning will follow state standards and will begin at 7:30 am each day. Students not active and participating at 7:30 am via remote learning will be marked absent. Excessive absences will be reported to local truancy officials. Unlike the Continuity of Learning Plan in the Spring of 2020, our Return to Learning Plan will require mandatory participation from students daily. Student attendance, work and effort will be graded daily. Students residing within our school boundaries will have bus transportation available, following safety and health protocols described later in this plan. When students are learning remotely, our certified teachers will be available from 7:30 am to 2:30 pm.

Students in grades 6-8 (26 students) will physically attend school “in-person” on Tuesday and Thursday from 7:30 am to 2:11 pm. On Monday-Wednesday-Friday, our 6-8 students will learn remotely, guided by our certified teacher. Remote learning will follow state standards and will begin at 7:30 am each day. Students not active and participating at 7:30 am via remote learning, will be marked absent. When learning remotely, certified teachers will be available from 7:30 am to 2:30 pm.

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Crawford will begin our 2020-2021 school year on Tuesday-September 8. Students in grades 6-8 will attend “in-person” at the school. Students in grades K-5 will begin the school year “in-person” on Wednesday-September 9. K-5 students are not expected to attend remotely on Tuesday. Our 6-8 grade students will learn remotely on Wednesday-September 9. All instruction begins at 7:30 am.

II. PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT

For the safety of Crawford students and staff, recommended mask protocols will be followed. Six foot social distancing will be the standard. Masks for students and staff will be required when entering the bus, riding the bus, exiting the bus, entering the school and in common areas. With six foot distancing between student desk space, students are able to learn without a mask while at their assigned desk. This in essence, is their “bubble.” When students approach the teacher desk, bathroom, water fountain or leave their six foot space, they are required to wear a mask. We will work collaboratively with parents to ensure our students have proper masks. Extra masks are available at the school. Parents are encouraged to wash and clean masks daily.

III. HYGIENE

Center for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines will be followed. Teachers will instruct students on proper hand washing techniques, frequency and duration of washing, proper coughing techniques, social distancing and symptoms of COVID 19. Our school has several windows which will remain open, weather permitting. Desks will be cleaned and sanitized on a regular basis during the day and each evening. Hand sanitizer and cleaning supplies will be available to each student. Students are encouraged to bring their own water bottle. Students will remain at their desk during snack and lunch periods. Recess periods will be staggered by grade level. Daily dismissal will be staggered by grade level.

IV. SCREENING & TESTING

Crawford School will follow CDC and local health department guidelines for student and staff screening. We will work collaboratively with parents to learn, recognize and identify symptoms as outlined by the CDC. Symptoms of possible COVID 19 include: fever over 100.4 Fahrenheit, sore throat, new uncontrolled cough, diarrhea/vomiting/abdominal pain, new onset of headache with fever. We ask parents for their support and collaboration in identifying these symptoms on a daily basis and communicate with the school if they arise. Students with any of these symptoms should remain home and the school should be notified. Temperature checks and screening will take place when entering the bus and schoolhouse. Our bus driver and school staff will have temperature equipment.

Symptoms which may arise at school will follow Health Department guidelines. These include immediate quarantine for symptoms to the front of the school or bathroom, parent notification for immediate pick-up, recommended monitoring and testing is recommended. Parents of students with symptoms will be recommended for COVID 19 testing to their primary physician or local health department. Students with a negative test (no COVID 19) may return to school if symptoms improve after 24 hours and they have not had contact with anyone with COVID 19. Students with a positive test (COVID 19 present) may return to school after 10 calendar days if symptoms disappear. Students opting not to be tested may return to school after 10 calendar days if symptoms disappear. Our recommendation is students with symptoms be tested. All parents will be appropriately notified, following federal privacy guidelines, if a student has symptoms.

We must be prepared if a student or staff member tests positive for COVID 19. In this case, because of our small school size, direct contact may have occurred. This may result in closure of in-person learning for at least 10 days. This decision will be made in collaboration with Region Health Department #10. Remote learning will occur for each student on a daily basis.

If symptoms arise, we expect all students and staff to be tested. If symptoms arise in the student's home, communication with Crawford School is expected. If a positive test is identified in the home or with a close contact to the student, the school must be notified.

V. CLEANING

Crawford School has taken extra precautionary measures to ensure our bus and school property is sanitized. Extra supplies and equipment have been purchased. This includes sanitizing machines for our school bus and school building. This device sprays non-harmful sanitizer on all surfaces and safely dries within minutes. Hand sanitizer, bleach wipes, soap, paper towels, masks and other personal protective equipment have been purchased. In addition, a new video system has been installed at the entrance of our school. While visitors are not allowed, in case of emergencies or extenuating circumstances, staff will be able to identify and communicate with someone at the front door. This is for the safety of our school community. Students and staff will take breaks during the school day to properly sanitize their desk space. Our custodian will take extra precautionary measures to ensure our school building is properly sanitized daily.

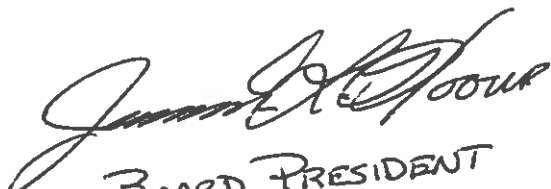
VI. TRANSPORTATION

Transportation via our one school bus is a privilege for students. Working in collaboration with students and parents, we expect everyone to follow required guidelines. Our driver has a tremendous responsibility to ensure the safety of our students. If students make the decision to not comply with safety protocols or do not behave on the bus, the privilege of riding may be taken away. Students are expected to properly wear a mask when entering, riding and exiting the bus. Masks will be worn for the duration of the ride. Students are expected to remain six feet from other students, unless they are residing in the same household. Temperature checks and a brief screening for symptoms will take place daily upon entering the bus. The bus will be properly sanitized after each run, using our new spray machine.

VII. ATHLETICS

Crawford School does not offer athletic programs for our K-8 students.

We are excited for our Crawford School Return to Learning Plan! Working together, we will have a successful start to the school year. Parents with technology questions/concerns are asked to contact Principal Mike Hill at mhill@crawfordschool.org. In addition, parents with concerns regarding our "hybrid" approach of a blended "in-person" and remote learning format, are asked to contact Principal Mike Hill at mhill@crawfordschool.org. Please refer to our Crawford school website and Facebook page for important updates. Communication between home and school will be critical to ensure the safety of all students and staff. Let's stay Crawford Strong!! Let's stay Crawford Safe and Healthy!!


BOARD PRESIDENT
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