

July 28, 2020

TO: All Unit No. 5 Administrators

FROM: Brad Lee, Superintendent

SUBJECT: NEWS RELEASE

**NEWS
RELEASE**

For the health and safety of all students, C-WC #5 is providing parents/guardians with a choice regarding their children's education. Daily attendance and engagement of students is expected whether students are participating in-person or remotely. To give staff time to finalize instructional plans, the first day of student attendance will be Thursday, August 20th (instead of the 17th that was originally on the school calendar). Carmi-White County Schools will open for its first day with students on Thursday, August 20. Faculty and staff will be in attendance starting Thursday, August 13.

BEFORE REGISTERING.....Parents should:

- 1) **Read the Return-to-School Plan and Return-to-School Considerations Guidance. This information can be found on the district website, app, and social media platforms. We strongly encourage you to read the updated guidance.**
- 2) **Fill out a Return to School Survey located at *carmischools.org*. This survey will allow parents/guardians to select their student's learning option (Face-to-Face or Remote Instruction) to begin the school year. This information will allow us to finalize our instructional plans for the upcoming year.**

REGISTRATION

C-WC will be opening our new **Online Registration beginning Monday, August 3**. Students can be enrolled via a registration link on our district's website, app, and Facebook pages. We encourage parents/guardians to register online, if possible. Since registration for the 2020-2021 school year will be solely online, staff will be available to assist with online registration on Thursday, August 6th. (While registering your student in person, masks or face coverings will be required, and social distancing guidelines will be followed.)

In-person online registration schedule.....**THURSDAY, AUGUST 6 from 9:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m.**

If parents/guardians need assistance with the online registration, they may come by the following buildings: (If you have more than one child to register, you can do that at any of the buildings.)

Grades Prek-12, including special education, will register as follows:

- Early Childhood, grades K and 1 at Lincoln Attendance Center (KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS.....Children who attain the age of five (5) on or before September 1 are eligible to begin kindergarten in August. If your kindergarten student has not been previously pre-registered, please bring the student's birth certificate to registration for age verification purposes.)
- Grades 2 and 3 at Jefferson Attendance Center
- Grades PK, 4 through 6 at Washington Attendance
- Grades 7-12 at the Jr/Sr High School cafeteria

*Students who are unable to register by August 6 or **NEW STUDENTS** to C-WC #5 should contact their respective schools as soon as possible to receive registration guidance.*

Jr./Sr. High School Students

- Students will not be receiving schedules, lockers, or home room assignments at registration.
- No pictures will be taken at registration but will be rescheduled for a later date. This includes senior tuxedo and drape pictures
- Yearbook orders for 2021 yearbooks will not be taken at registration.
- Any students interested in trying out for sports for the 2020-2021 school year must turn in a copy of their insurance card and a copy of a current sports physical to the Jr. or Sr. High Office prior to participation. This does not have to be completed at registration.

BROWNSVILLE SCHOOL.....The first full day of attendance for Brownsville students will be Thursday, August 20. Registration information, as well as a school supply list, will be sent home with students that day. For additional information, please contact the principal's office at 265-3256 after August

GENERAL INFORMATION FOR ALL STUDENTS

MATERIALS/TECHNOLOGY FEES

- Kindergarten.....\$25.00
- Grades 1-3..... \$35.00
- Grades 4-6.....\$45.00
- Grades 7-8.....\$60.00
- Grades 9-12.....\$75.00
- There is an additional CWCHS Driver Education Fee of \$50.00.

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INSURANCE

Student accident insurance will be available this year through Gerber Life Insurance Company.

Plans being offered are as follows:

OPTIONS	PLAN A	PLAN B
Extension to School Time		
Grades Pre Kindergarten-8	\$120.00	\$ 65.00
Grades 9-12	\$150.00	\$ 85.00
Dental	\$ 15.00	\$ 15.00

Parents should be aware that the above student accident plan is a limited accident benefit policy. Included among conditions of the insurance are limitations on the amount paid for room and board and miscellaneous expenses. **Student insurance applications are available on-line at www.k12specialmarkets.com.** Parents are encouraged to go to the on-line website and review the insurance coverage carefully.

PHYSICAL/DENTAL EXAMINATIONS AND IMMUNIZATIONS

All beginning students up to six years of age (including prekindergarten students) must provide evidence of completion of a lead screening or assessment. Children living in areas determined by the Department of Public Health to be at high-risk for lead poisoning must be screened using a blood lead test. Carmi is a high risk area. Those who live in low-risk areas must be evaluated individually using a lead risk assessment questionnaire developed by the Department of Public Health.

All PreK, kindergarten, sixth grade and ninth grade students entering an Illinois public school must have a physical examination. All students entering an Illinois public school for the first time, regardless of grade, also need a physical exam. Effective July 1, 2005, oral health (dental) examinations are required for all Illinois public school students in grades kindergarten, second, sixth and ninth. Additionally, vision exams are required for students entering kindergarten or entering an Illinois public school for the first time and must be submitted by October 15. Forms are available at the doctors' offices and all schools.

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In addition to the physical and dental examinations, the Department of Public Health requires that every child provides evidence of **up-to-date immunizations**. Beginning October 26, 2015, children whose parents or legal guardians object on religious grounds need not receive the

immunizations if they present to the school authorities a signed and completed Religious Exemption Certificate/Form which details the grounds for such objection. (This form can be obtained from the Illinois Department of Public Health or from the school.) If the physical condition of a child precludes immunization on medical grounds, the examining physician must indicate the reason for the medical exemption. Please refer to the following chart (**APPENDIX A**) from the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) that refers to the minimum immunization requirements entering a child care facility or school in Illinois, Fall- 2017 footnotes for further guidance.

MEDICATIONS AT SCHOOL

Requirements for medication at school is an order from the healthcare provider with the parent's/guardian's signature. The medication must be in the original bottle. All over the counter (OTC) medications have the same requirements. We discourage medications at school when possible.

FOOD ALLERGIES

We want school to be a safe place for our students. Please have all parents complete the food allergy form when this applies. It requires the student's healthcare provider's signature, as well. Cooks should be notified as soon as possible.

TRANSPORTATION

Transportation information will be distributed at the time of registration. **If at all possible, we encourage parents/guardians to transport their child to and from school.**

Yours for better schools,

Brad Lee
Superintendent

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