

# CREST RIDGE RETURN TO SCHOOL & RESPONSE PLAN

## ACADEMIC INFORMATION (METHODS OF INSTRUCTION) OPTIONS FOR THE 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR

| Plan   | Timing  | Description  |
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| <p style="text-align: center;"><u>PLAN A</u><br/><u>TRADITIONAL</u><br/>(Family Option)</p>  | <p style="text-align: center;">ENROLL OR<br/>NOTIFY YOUR<br/>SCHOOL OFFICE<br/>BY AUGUST 21</p>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Full Opening-in person, physically present.</li> <li>Minimal impact to learning environment (w/protocols).</li> <li>Follow CDC, state, county restrictions/safety guidelines described in this document.</li> </ul>   |
| <p style="text-align: center;"><u>PLAN A VIRTUAL</u><br/>(Family Option)</p> <p><i>Please read "Plan A Virtual Conditions and FAQs" to learn more about this option.</i></p>     | <p style="text-align: center;">ENROLLMENT<br/>WINDOW IS<br/>AUGUST 18-21</p> <p style="text-align: center;">ENROLL BY<br/>CONTACTING<br/>YOUR SCHOOL<br/>OFFICE</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Full Virtual Instruction &amp; Learning by enrolling with LAUNCH virtual learning platform. <a href="https://fueledbylaunch.com/">https://fueledbylaunch.com/</a>.</li> <li>Launch is a district approved virtual program provided by Springfield Public Schools. No instruction comes from Crest Ridge teachers.</li> <li>No attendance at school is required. Students are eligible for activity and athletic participation.</li> <li>Chromebook and instructional supplies provided.</li> <li>Family must provide internet access.</li> <li>Students must commit to a full semester of learning using Launch.</li> </ul> |
| <p style="text-align: center;"><u>PLAN A</u><br/><u>HOMESCHOOL</u><br/>(Family Option)</p>   | <p style="text-align: center;">AUGUST -MAY</p>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Option for any Missouri family. Family requests to educate student(s) at home pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 167.031 (RSMo).</li> </ul>  |
| <p style="text-align: center;"><u>PLAN B</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Fixed Blended<br/>Instruction<br/>(District Option)</p>  | <p style="text-align: center;">TBD</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Will occur if social<br/>distancing<br/>protocols must<br/>increase.</p>                      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pattern of days alternating onsite and distanced instruction. School buildings are still open. Students are divided into groups so that alternating pattern reduced the number of students present at the school at any given time. (A/B Days)</li> <li>Plan B is a district-wide plan, not an individual student plan.</li> </ul>  |
| <p style="text-align: center;"><u>PLAN C</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Intermittent<br/>Blended and/or<br/>instruction During<br/>Quarantine.<br/>(District Option)</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">TBD</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Will occur if we<br/>must close<br/>buildings or<br/>classrooms</p>                           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>School becomes closed for a period of time due to COVID-19 and distanced instruction occurs. One or more classrooms of students are not able to be physically present due COVID-19 quarantine requirement.</li> <li>Plan C is only enacted if a building or district must close (Intermittent Blended) or if a classroom must quarantine for a length of time (Instruction during Quarantine).</li> </ul>   |

## **PLAN A-VIRTUAL Conditions and FAQs**

The purpose of Crest Ridge offering virtual instruction to our students through LAUNCH first semester 2020 is to accommodate those families who do not want their child(ren) at school for safety reasons related to COVID. Delayed starts and closures may require a student to delay their enrollment or drop their LAUNCH class schedule. Crest Ridge is prepared to provide a high-quality distance learning program for all students if delays or closures occur.

- **If the scheduled start date of August 24<sup>th</sup> is postponed due to COVID, we will not be enrolling students in LAUNCH until closer to the new start date**
- **If school is closed due to COVID before the allowable LAUNCH drop date, we will transition students from the LAUNCH platform to our own Crest Ridge Distance Learning platform.**
- **The Crest Ridge School District reserves the right to drop any LAUNCH student who is not demonstrating adequate progress by the September 21<sup>st</sup> drop date deadline.**

### ***Is Crest Ridge School District paying for the Plan-A Virtual option?***

Yes. Our surveys show a portion of our families are not willing to return to school this fall even if we reopen on August 24<sup>th</sup>. Our district is only prepared to provide a distance learning program to our students if we are closed. A virtual program requires as much student attention as a traditional classroom setting and we are not equipped or prepared to deliver a quality traditional and quality virtual format simultaneously. For this reason, we are offering LAUNCH as an instructional option if we are able to start school on August 24<sup>th</sup>.

### ***What will happen if school closes before the August 24<sup>th</sup> start date and I did not enroll in LAUNCH but now want to?***

If school closes due to COVID, all students will then be educated through a distance learning program through the school. Crest Ridge is prepared and equipped to serve students using a distance learning platform if we are required to close school again.

### ***What will happen if school closes before the August 24<sup>th</sup> start date and my child is enrolled in LAUNCH?***

At this time, LAUNCH has a no penalty drop date of September 21<sup>st</sup>, 2020. If Crest Ridge closes we would have the ability to educate your child by way of distance learning. We would do our best to work with individual families, but if our school closes before September 21<sup>st</sup>, it would be the expectation that the Crest Ridge School District educates your child(ren) through distance learning. This would mean that current enrolled LAUNCH students would drop. Distance learning has many virtual components to it, but will also involve other means of instructional delivery and teacher support. Distance learning will be delivered by Crest Ridge teachers and staff. It is recommended that we work with these students individually to see what may be the best option.

### ***What will happen if the August 24<sup>th</sup> start date is postponed and my child is enrolled in LAUNCH?***

Again, we would do our best to work with individual families, but it may require we reassess based on how late the start date is postponed.

***How can I enroll my child in the Virtual Learning option?***

To enroll in this option, parents will need to contact their school building between August 18-21. The deadline of August 21<sup>st</sup> is meant to give families maximum amount of time to decide and still allow school staff time to work with you and Launch to ensure that your child is enrolled in the appropriate courses for their grade level and interests.

***What kinds of course offerings are available through the Launch program?***

If students enroll in Launch, they will need to be enrolled in their core subject area classes (Math, ELA, Social Studies and Science). Launch also has a wide range of AP (Advanced Placement), Dual Credit and elective courses available for students. You can view Launch course offerings by visiting their website at [www.fueledbylaunch.com](http://www.fueledbylaunch.com).

***Can my child participate in extracurricular activities if we choose this option?*** Yes. In order to be eligible for extra-curricular activities, students need to be enrolled, actively participating, and be passing at least six classes. The district has access to Launch classes and can track student progress through that program.

***Will the Launch curriculum match up with what students are learning in school?*** The answer is both yes and no. When attending virtual classes, it is like attending school in another district. When a student re-enters the school district in the second semester, Launch may have taught some things that have not been covered in our schools. On the other hand, we may have covered some information that was not covered in the virtual class. So, there may be some repeat learning as well as some topics that may have already been covered in the first semester at school. Both options follow the Missouri Learning Standards, they may just use a different sequencing of the content being taught.

***How much time will my child need to spend online daily?*** Launch is basically a school online. So, your child will need to spend approximately 5 to 6 hours per day in classes just as they would if they were in school. There will be homework. Some of the work will be online and some of it will be done as learning activities off-line. Students will be graded on their work. Regular assessments will be given and attendance will be taken. *Virtual learning requires a great amount of discipline and some students find it to be more difficult than traditional classes.*

***If I enroll my child in Launch, are they still a student of the Crest Ridge School District?***

Yes. Students are still enrolled in the District. You will still receive communications and information from the District.

***If my child enrolls in virtual education, will their IEP or 504 plan be followed?***

Yes. Launch, like every other school, is required to make accommodations according to the child's individual learning plan. You can find out more by going to the Launch website at [fueledbylaunch.com](http://www.fueledbylaunch.com).

# PLAN A, B AND C SAFETY PROTOCOLS

We understand that conditions may change as the school year progresses. Our intention is to communicate updates as they become relevant for the safety of our staff and students. This document does not account for every situation as we begin the 2020 school year, but know that our staff is available for your questions and concerns as we navigate this difficult time. We offer our fullest cooperation in communicating with our families and hope that you will do the same for the Crest Ridge School District. Go COUGARS!

## GOAL

The Crest Ridge School District intends to follow the guidance of Johnson County Health Services, the Department of Health and Senior Services, and the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education when considering the safety protocols for dealing with COVID-19 related situations.

## QUICK FACTS AND INFORMATION

- Johnson County Face Covering Order <http://johnsoncountyhealth.org/face-covering-order-amended-and-extended/>
- Masks/face coverings will be worn by all students and staff except when removal is allowed.
- Social distancing is required as specified by our local health agency

## TRANSPORTATION (BUS)

- Parents are encouraged to pick up/drop off their student if possible to decrease the number of students on the school bus
- Drivers and monitors will be screened daily by Apple Bus for symptoms
- Drivers and monitors will wear masks and PPE according to Johnson County Health guidelines
- Students will wear masks according to Johnson County Health guidelines
- Students will be loaded back to front and unloaded front to back. Assigned seating will be implemented for safety purposes.
- Social Distancing will be monitored on buses as space allows, one student per seat unless sitting with sibling.
- Buses cleaned after each route

## FOOD SERVICE

- Breakfast and lunch shifts will be scheduled in the classrooms and cafeteria as possible to limit large groups.
- Social distancing will be enforced while in line and seated.
- Disposable packaging and utensils will be utilized where possible.
- No outside meal deliveries will be allowed during regular school hours.
- No outside parents/visitors will be allowed to eat in the buildings.

## **HEALTH PROTOCOLS**

Parents and caregivers should screen children for symptoms at home, prior to coming to school, and should check for the following symptoms and exposure: • Fever or chills • Cough • Headache • Muscle aches • Nausea, vomiting or diarrhea • New loss of taste or smell • New runny nose or congestion • Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing • Sore throat • Close contact with a person with COVID-19 in the last 14 days.

This list is subject to change as new symptoms of COVID-19 are identified and Crest Ridge will be prepared to educate families regarding additional symptoms of concern. Parents should assess their children for fever. It is important to note, however, that temperature screenings are of low sensitivity and performing those checks in-person at school has the potential to create lines/groups of students. Students with symptoms should not attend school and parents should consult their healthcare provider and follow CDC considerations regarding their return to school. For students who are diagnosed with COVID-19, either by a laboratory test or based on their symptoms, return to school is permissible when the student is at least 10 days from symptom onset, has had three days with no fever and has improving symptoms. Return to school for children with an alternate diagnosis is at the discretion of their healthcare provider and/or the school nurse. Children with a known close contact with COVID-19 (or an adult with symptoms compatible with COVID-19) should stay home for 14 days from their last contact and until return to school is approved by the local health department in accordance with the CDC guidance.

## **CLASSROOM / BUILDING PROTOCOLS**

- Classroom setup and routines emphasizing maximum social distancing.
- Hand sanitizer and desk sanitization materials will be available in individual classrooms.
- Masks required to be worn by staff and students as recommended by local health agency.
- Frequent wipe downs of furniture and supplies.
- How should physical distancing take place during meal times?
  - Keep students in cohorts during meal times and, when possible, have students eat in their classrooms rather than moving through the school building. Schools may consider bringing meals directly to classrooms but should make efforts to ensure nutritional value and appealing menu choices are not sacrificed. For older students, multiple separate lunch periods may be created and alternate locations, such as an outdoor environment or large indoor spaces (e.g. gymnasium), may be used for lunches with proper supervision.
- How should physical distancing take place during recess and physical education?
  - Physical activity during recess and physical education class is important for a child's physical, mental and emotional health. Students should engage in these activities with their primary cohorts (to the extent possible) to reduce the number of contacts. Multiple cohorts could have recess at the same time, as long as they are playing in separate areas of the playground. If possible, individual equipment used during recess and physical education (e.g. balls, jump ropes) could be separated by cohort to reduce the need for disinfecting between uses. If that is not possible, individual equipment should be cleaned between uses. Stationary playground equipment does not need to be cleaned, with the exception of handrails and other high touch surfaces, which should be cleaned in accordance with CDC guidelines. Crest Ridge will require hand hygiene before and after recess and physical education.

### **SYMPTOMATIC AT SCHOOL**

- What will Crest Ridge do when a student or staff member presents COVID-19 symptoms while at school?
  - All students and staff members with a fever of at least 100.4° or other symptoms consistent with COVID19 should seek medical care for further evaluation and instructions. All students and staff members who become symptomatic while at the school require immediate isolation and will wear a mask until they are no longer in the building. Students who are sick should be walked out of the building to their parent/guardian. Each school will have a room or space, separate from the nurse's office, where students or staff members who are feeling sick or appear ill can be evaluated and/or wait to be picked up by a parent/guardian.

### **POSITIVE CASES**

- Crest Ridge will consult with the Johnson County Health Department if we learn of a positive test case at school.
- Parents/Guardians will notify the school if student tests positive for COVID-19
- School district and health department will notify relevant individuals of positive cases and exposure risk.
- If a student/staff test positive for COVID-19, the classroom(s) will be deep cleaned and sanitized.
- If the student rides the bus, the bus will be deep cleaned and sanitized prior to being used to transport students.
- Parent/guardian(s) should notify the school immediately if a student tests positive for COVID-19 to allow for contact tracing, cleaning and sanitizing.
- Students/staff that test positive will not be allowed to return to work/school for a minimum of 14 days.
- If a positive case occurs, students/staff will be evaluated to determine if they were in close contact and need to be quarantined. (Contact Tracing Protocols)

### **SOCIAL EMOTIONAL PROTOCOLS**

- Continue staff training and professional development in areas of student stress and trauma related to COVID-19
- Provide classroom lessons on health safety.

### **COMMUNICATION PROTOCOLS**

The Crest Ridge School District is committed to making sure that we follow all safety protocols and communicate with our staff, students and families in a timely manner as we re-enter schools in August. Likewise, we ask for relevant information that you may have in regards to COVID-19 that may be beneficial to share with our school. Please contact your school office or school nurse if you need to share health information or have questions in regards to our procedures and safety practices.