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Return to Learn Plan

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Carlton Landing Academy had a successful “return to learn” in a traditional in-person format during the 2020-2021 school year. Carlton Landing Academy will remain open for in person instruction for the 2021-2022 school year. We plan for each student enrolled to participate in traditional in-person instruction.

Carlton Landing Academy will continue to monitor community health and adjust this plan accordingly. We appreciate your understanding and continued support of student, staff and families.

Return to Learn Part 1: General Reopening Guidelines for Families

Carlton Landing Academy is dedicated to providing quality educational opportunities for PK-8th students that are aligned with the Oklahoma Academic Standards. We are committed to high expectations, academic achievement, and to community involvement.

We will be returning to school in a modified traditional manner for PK-8th beginning on August 19th. We will incorporate 4 distance learning days to prepare students and staff in the event we have another long term shut down due to COVID infections in the state or the community. Safely meeting our goal and returning to a normal school environment will require everyone to work together.

Carlton Landing Academy intends to consider guidelines and other information from the Health Department and the CDC, and possibly other sources. Our staff will monitor reportable illnesses, and Oklahoma Health Department guidance will be utilized for quarantine. CLA will follow county and state mandates. Requirements and recommendations are subject to change.

Carlton Landing Academy asks for the help of parents and guardians regarding health of their children. We request that parents check their child's temperature daily. If they have a temperature, parents should keep them home and notify the school. Temperature checks may be conducted at school, based on the recommendations applicable to schools. In case a student is ill, we ask that parents and guardians provide a good contact number and promptly inform the school of any contact information changes.

The social-emotional well-being of our students is very important at CLA. Our counselor and mental health services will be prepared and available to help our students and families.

As we start the 2021-2022 school year, we ask for your patience and understanding as we work through the best practices. Our policies and procedures will remain flexible as we adjust to new information.

Carlton Landing Academy Learning Options

Option 1- Traditional In-Person Learning PK-8th (CLA is only offering one option at this time for the 2021-2022 school year.)

- Teachers will provide face to face instruction.
- Students will attend class in person, Monday- Friday. In the event school is cancelled due to COVID -19, students will be provided instruction through the Google Classroom system.
- Special Education/504 accommodations will be provided per plan; however, this may look different this school year. If you have questions about your child's services, please contact the Special Education Director at 918-452-3572.

Note - Distance Learning will be put in place for students who are enrolled in the traditional model, (option 1) if we need to close the school building, or if a student or students are quarantined.

Anticipated Questions:

What if a positive COVID-19 case or cases surface at school?

Depending on how many cases and what sites are affected, shut down and response will vary. We will honor privacy regulations while still notifying families in a timely manner.

How will communication be shared?

CLA will deliver communication through emails, text, and phone directly to parents and students. **Parent and student contact information MUST BE ACCURATE!** Each student will be provided a Google email account. The district will continue to use its website based alert system and social media accounts to distribute district-level information. Our district website will be updated regularly (www.carltonlandingacademy.org). We are committed to strong communication and responsive action. If you need assistance and cannot reach your site, please reach out to Superintendent Kristi Lokey at klokey@carltonlandingacademy.org.

What about Grades & Attendance?

Students will receive instruction that is aligned to state standards. Grades will be taken regularly, and progress will be monitored for Academic Growth. Students will be counted absent if not in attendance. To be in attendance, a student must be in class or participating remotely with school permission.

What is Distance Learning?

Distance Learning gives learners who aren't in a physical location for in-person education, access to online instructional materials. Remote learning provides an opportunity for students and teachers to remain connected and engaged with the content while working from their homes.

Do I have to declare which enrollment pathway I want my child(ren) to participate in?

No, all students will participate in traditional in-person learning.

What is Google Classroom?

Google Classroom is a learning management system/portal where students will access their assignments, communication, and grades. The system streamlines all the digital tools and contents that teachers and students use for a more straightforward, more connected learning experience.

Will all athletics, electives, and fine arts classes continue to be offered at all current levels, and will there be any restrictions?

Depending on the level of community spread, all athletics and activities will continue as planned with extra measures taken to ensure the safety of students and staff. Additional measures may be implemented as needed. Procedures for Athletics, and other Extracurricular Activities will follow recommendations and guidelines provided by the Oklahoma Secondary Activities Association. Specific information about practices, events, and precautions will be distributed by activities coach/sponsor and the district athletic director.

Will the school district calendar change during the pandemic?

It is our goal for the calendar dates to stay the same; however, the district may schedule remote learning days within the school dates that already exist.

Why will temperatures not be taken upon entering the school building?

Entering the school building is not the first contact for many students. A student's first contact may be at the bus stops, early morning activities, carpools, before school daycare, parking lots, etc. Temperatures can be an indicator of a variety of illnesses and are not necessarily the first indicator of COVID. CLA has always asked that students remain home if they have a fever of 100 or higher. We need our parents to partner with us to keep all children and staff safe by self-regulating symptoms and temperature checks. We do have touchless digital thermometers and will take suspected staff and student temperatures and act accordingly.

When masks are in the "recommendation" phase, will there be times our student(s) would be "required" to wear a mask?

- In compliance with Senate Bill 658, masks will not be required unless Pittsburg county is declared a State of Emergency and in consultation with the county and State Health Departments.

Will parents be able to attend meetings and meet the teacher?

Open house will be face to face this year. Dates, procedures and more information will be released at a later date. We will continue to encourage teachers to reach out to their students, by email, Google Classroom, phone etc... Parents will not be allowed to walk students to their classrooms on the first day of school. We will have staff supporting students and helping them find their way. We feel it's important for Pre-K and Kindergarten parents to be a support for their students on the first day of school, so we will make arrangements for them. Details to be posted for the Kindergarten and Pre-K students/parents at a later date. Exceptions for parent visits will be made by the principal or director, and may include IEP meetings, conferences, etc.

What about classroom parties?

Classroom parties will not be open to parents, however, if numbers continue to decrease that could be subject for change. Our Parent Academy will have a sign-up sheet for homeroom parents to help with the organization of parties and to gather items needed for parties.

What kind of precautions is the school taking to clean and disinfect?

The following actions will be taken to help reduce the chance of COVID-19 spread.

- Hand sanitizer, encourage hand washing and disinfectant spray in each room.
- Restriction of non-essential visitors.
- Anytime CLA receives notification of a positive COVID case on campus, the area will be thoroughly clean.

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Hand washing and Respiratory Etiquette: Students are trained and reminded in the classroom about the health benefits of proper and frequent hand washing as well as respiratory etiquette of covering the mouth during coughs and sneezes. Hand sanitizer is available in classrooms, offices, cafeteria, and anywhere that students or patrons may pass.

Cleaning and Maintaining Healthy Facilities including Improving Ventilation: CLA uses industrial fogging and cleaning equipment to sanitize classrooms.

Contact Tracing Combined with Isolation and Quarantine, Collaborating with State, Local, and Tribal Health Departments: The Head of School has attended training zoom calls with the Oklahoma State Health Department, sometimes weekly, to be informed on the status of infections, testing, vaccines, and CDC guidance for prevention habits, isolation, and quarantine in order to keep our students and staff as safe as possible and to maintain in-person learning for most CLA students. Students and staff who are fully vaccinated are not required to quarantine if they are traced to a positive exposure.

Vaccination Efforts for School Communities: Vaccinations are encouraged but not required for those eligible.

Appropriate accommodations for students with Disabilities with Respect for Health and Safety Policies:

- Students with disabilities will be provided services based upon their IEP or 504 Educational Plan.
- Staff working with students in situations where social distancing is not feasible will be offered additional personal protective equipment.

Additional practices to be implemented:

- We are requesting that students use their own school supplies and share as little as Possible.
- Lockers will not be assigned to middle school students at the beginning of the year. This will be reevaluated after the first nine weeks.
- We will be providing Chromebooks to every student.
- Elementary Morning Drop Off/Pick Up: Morning drop off for elementary students will begin no earlier than 7:30. Students arriving prior to 7:30 am will not be admitted to the buildings. Elementary pick up will begin at 3:10 in the car pick up line. Parents are to stay in their vehicles while students are being loaded. See details and map attached.
- Routines and Procedures will be added as needs arise.

Again, we want to thank you in advance for your patience and understanding. Our main concern is the safety and health of our students, staff, and community. We welcome any suggestions you might have; it is important we work as a team to get through this challenging time. If you have additional questions, please feel free to contact your child's school site at 918-452-3572.