



PENNCREST

EMPOWERING LIFE-LONG LEARNERS

November 3, 2020

Important Correspondence

PENNCREST Students & Families:

The Pennsylvania Department of Health and the Pennsylvania Department of Education met with all three superintendents in the county on Monday, November 2nd. We were all informed that Crawford County has now been upgraded to “substantial” in terms of our spread of COVID-19. As case counts in Crawford County continue to rise, we have concluded it is in the best interest at this time to switch to a hybrid method of instruction. Beginning on **November 9, 2020**, all PENNCREST Schools will move to an ABABC hybrid schedule. This schedule will continue through the holiday season. On January 11, 2021, we may resume Monday through Friday in-person learning for all of our students. The decision to return on January 11, 2021 is contingent upon the current COVID-19 data trends.

Our decision to move to our ABABC hybrid schedule occurred for a variety of reasons.

- Increasing trend of COVID-19 cases in Crawford County
- Increasing trend of student absenteeism
- Increasing trend of staff absenteeism
- Weather changes and the beginning of flu season
- Increase in family travel and gatherings during the holiday season
- Mirror university practice of virtual learning during holiday season
 - Return of college students to our county
- The ABABC schedule allows for increased social distancing in schools and a reduction of students on the buses and in our schools
- The PA Department of Education and REL Mid-Atlantic June 2020 [Considerations for Reopening Pennsylvania Schools](#) report supports a hybrid schedule as a sound strategy to limit community spread of COVID-19, and provide students with a consistent learning schedule in uncertain times.

On “A” days (Monday & Wednesday) students with last names A – K in grades 4 – 12 will report to school for in-person learning. Virtual learning will occur on “B” days. Households with multiple last names can choose day “A” or “B”.

On “B” days (Tuesday & Thursday) students with last names L – Z in grades 4 – 12 will report for in-person learning. Virtual learning will occur on “A” days. Households with multiple last names can choose day “A” or “B”.

On “C” days (Friday) all students will learn virtually. Every Friday the district will deep clean and disinfect all PENNCREST schools.

On both “A & B” days (Monday through Thursday) PreK – 3rd grade students and special population classrooms will report for in-person learning.

Crawford County Career and Technical Center students may attend the CTC on “A” and “B” days (Monday through Thursday) but only attend his or her high school on the designated A or B day. Each high school will provide information regarding transportation modifications.

During our ABABC hybrid schedule student meal distribution will occur on Wednesdays from 1:00pm – 2:00pm when school is in session from Cambridge Springs, Maplewood and Saegertown high schools.

During our ABABC hybrid schedule fall and winter athletics will continue as scheduled.

This information is subject to change based on directives, mandates and guidance from various state and federal departments, agencies and offices.

If you have questions or concerns, please contact the building principal. I have included administrative contacts on this letter for your convenience.

Sincerely,



Superintendent

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