

Prairie Central CUSD #8 Remote Learning Plan

Introduction

Prairie Central CUSD #8 joins other schools around the world who are responding to the COVID-19 crisis. We exist to meet the learning needs of students.

Therefore, Prairie Central's remote learning plan is grounded in these principles:

- Maintaining relationships is the basis for all remote learning activities and;
- Continuity of learning is essential for growth and development.

To accomplish these principles, Prairie Central will adopt a remote learning model that:

- Maintains focus on essential standards of each course;
- Provides learning opportunities to engage students;
- Focuses on student learning over compliance and grades;
- Provides feedback on assignments, but will provide summative credit (not grades) for spring 2020 courses (courses will be Pass/Incomplete).

Guidance

This document was created based on [Illinois State Board of Education \(ISBE\) Remote Learning Recommendation during COVID-19](#), published March 27, 2020. This document will be updated as more information is available. This ISBE document is referenced by page numbers in this document. We have also used [ISBE COVID-19](#) website for executive orders and updates. As additional updates and information are received from ISBE, adjustments will be made to this plan.

Questions regarding this document should be addressed to any of the district administrators:

- Paula Crane, Superintendent
- Tonya Dieken, Director of Curriculum Instruction
- Lisa Bounds, Director of Special Education
- Brad Allen, HS Principal
- Kristal Deming, JH Principal
- Keri Jancek, UE Principal
- Codi Conway, PCE Principal
- Shannon McGuckin, East Principal
- Dan Groce, West Principal

Access to Instruction

Prairie Central is committed to helping all students learn during this unprecedented time. To this end, we will provide technology devices to all students in need, regardless of financial necessity. Technology sign-up will be online and can be accessed through our website. Technology will be delivered for those families unable to pick up due to financial constraints.

In addition, those families who do not have access to internet due to financial constraints will be provided this service free of charge by the District. This can be arranged by contacting any district or building administrator. Free internet is also available in the parking lots of Primary East, PC Junior High, PC High School, and Primary West. For those who choose not to have technology or internet in their homes, we will provide paper packets of learning materials.

Communication with Students/Families

Our primary goal during remote learning is to give our students some stability and social interactions outside their “shelter in place.” We want to provide learning opportunities for our students while also checking on their wellbeing. The district will use a range of communication tools including, but not limited to: email, phone calls, video conferencing, Google Classroom, and Remind.

The primary communication tool to families will be regular emails from building principals and email and phone messages from the superintendent. These emails will inform community members about how each school will handle various aspects of Remote Learning Days. Specific building questions can be addressed to building principals via email.

School offices are closed at this time. If parents would like to contact by phone, they may call the Prairie Central District Office. It will be open from 8:00a - 12:00p during regular school days. Staff will be primarily working remotely.

All teachers are available to student and families from 8:00am to 1:00pm each school day to instruct students, answer questions, and provide academic assistance when needed.

Communication with Colleagues

Communication is not just between a teacher/student, but also colleagues. We will have various opportunities for departments, grade levels, and full faculty to work together.

- The primary communication method for staff will be email. Employees will check their email multiple times each day.
- We will have two Remote Planning Days to help facilitate communication and planning. Those days will be: March 31 and April 1.
- Remote Learning will begin April 2nd until school is back in session.

Education of Special Populations

Prairie Central wishes to provide a quality education to ALL students. We recognize that some of our students have unique needs that provide a barrier to learning. For these students, including those with an IEP, a 504 plan, English Learners, and homeless status, we will make personal contact to ensure the academic plan that was put in place during the school year will continue throughout remote learning. We will do our best to provide the supports needed to help all students succeed and achieve their goals.

Transition Planning

When schools reopen for physical attendance, we will first focus on the social and emotional adjustment of students back into the school setting. The exact details of that transition will be determined once a return date has been set.

If in-person instruction is to resume during the spring 2020 school year, we will focus on providing learning opportunities to students based on the essential standards of each course. While we may give grades as feedback tools on assignments, the quarter and semester will only count as “credit” during the spring remote learning session.