

The logo for Crosstimbers Academy (CTA) is a red circle containing the letters 'CTA' in a large, bold, serif font. Below 'CTA', the words 'CROSSTIMBERS' and 'ACADEMY' are stacked in a smaller, bold, sans-serif font.

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SAFE RETURN TO IN-PERSON INSTRUCTION AND CONTINUITY OF SERVICES PLAN 2022-2023

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Introduction

The situation surrounding COVID-19 is evolving daily, but the health of our students & staff is our first priority. We will follow CDC guidelines and recommendations of our local health department, as well as enforce the Governor's mandatory orders.

In person classes will begin on the first day of school August 15, 2022. For the 2022-2023 school year, Crosstimbers Academy will not offer remote instruction. Per Texas Education Code (TEC), §25.092, students must attend 90% of the days a course is offered in order to be awarded credit for the course. This requirement remains in force during the 2022-23 school year.

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The following information is based on current conditions. These practices and recommendations will be reviewed on a regular basis and/or if there is a sudden change in conditions such as a marked increase in the number of COVID-19 cases. Crosstimbers will rely on the Texas Department of Health to determine the COVID-19 activity level and the appropriate protective measures for wearing masks and face shields.

Communication to Students/Parents

- Remind: As always, any information regarding campus guidelines, and health information will be communicated in various ways: Including FaceBook, the CTA Website, and Remind- codes listed below:
 - CTA INFO for students: @62he4
 - PARENT INFO/ATTENDANCE: @ctaat

Procedures and Recommendations:

Temperature Checks/Screening

Parents/guardians are expected to screen their students for COVID-19 symptoms each day prior to sending students to school.

Parents must ensure they do not send a child to school on campus if the child has COVID-19

symptoms (as listed in this document) or test-confirmed with COVID-19 until the conditions for re-entry are met.

The office also has a touch-free thermometer which will be used to monitor any student who does not feel well once they arrive on campus, however if symptoms appear a parent may be required to pick up their child and may have to have them be seen by a physician.

Symptoms that would warrant a student to remain at home are:

- Cough
- Headache
- Fever/ or measured temperature of 100.0 degrees or more
- Loss of taste or smell
- Difficulty breathing/ Shortness of breath
- Fatigue
- Chills
- Sore throat
- Congestion/runny nose
- Shaking or exaggerated shivering
- Significant muscle pain/ache
- Diarrhea, Nausea or vomiting

Masks

As of this writing, wearing of protective face coverings such as masks is not mandatory, but encouraged for students and staff, especially when social distancing is not possible.

Social distancing

To the extent possible students will maintain three feet apart in indoor settings. Classrooms will have seating arrangements allowing for a safe three feet distance between each seat (as suggested by CDC guidelines).

Handwashing/Sanitizing

- All students and staff will be reminded to wash their hands, or use alcohol-based hand sanitizer, throughout the school day.
- Surfaces which students or staff frequently come in contact with (i.e., doorknobs) will be cleaned with disinfectants throughout the school day.

Classrooms

- Staff will have access to disinfectant wipes to sanitize high-touch and working surfaces and shared objects regularly.
- The use of outdoor space for learning will be encouraged when possible.

Campus Visitors

- Our visitor policy will continue to follow an appointment only (ARD, 504, and other parent meetings fall under this category), and all other visitors may check in with staff at the front office and if a screening is complete can request to see personnel at that time, and will be accommodated if possible

Arrival & Drop-off

- Students should be dropped off directly in front of the school building (then driver exits toward the church parking lot)
- Students who park on campus park in assigned space/ stickers should be visible in the front dash of the vehicle
- Students exit cars immediately, no hanging out in parking lot allowed
- Students exit bldg./go directly to parking lot to catch ride/drive off campus
- Cars pick up by church gym in parking lot (don't clog entry near school)

Returning to school after a Positive COVID-19 Diagnosis

Students or staff who either have a lab-confirmed case of COVID-19 or experience symptoms of COVID-19 must remain at home throughout the infection period, and cannot return to campus until the school system screens the individual to determine if re-entry criteria has been met.

In the case of an individual who was diagnosed with COVID-19, the individual may return to school when all three of the following criteria are met.

- At least three days (72 hours) have passed since recovery (resolution of fever without the use of fever-reducing medications);
 - the individual has improvement in symptoms (e.g., cough, shortness of breath); and at least ten days have passed since symptoms first appeared.
 - the student has had a Negative COVID- 19 test at least 7 days after the Positive test & within 48 hours of returning to campus
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- In the case of an individual who has symptoms that could be COVID-19 and who is not evaluated by a medical professional or tested for COVID-19, such individual is assumed to have COVID-19, and the individual may not return to the campus until the individual has completed the same criteria listed above.
 - If the individual has symptoms that could be COVID-19 and wants to return to school before completing the above stay at home period, the individual must either obtain a medical professional's note clearing the individual for return based on an alternative diagnosis or receive two separate confirmations at least 24 hours apart that they are free of COVID via acute infection tests at an approved COVID-19 testing location.

Continuity of Services Plan 2022-2023

Academics

Crosstimbers Academy will continue to prioritize students' academic and social/emotional needs upon returning to school in August, 2022.

Summer Programming and Tutoring

In the summer of the 2021-2022 school year, Crosstimbers provided an in-person summer school program as well as one-on-one tutoring to address learning loss due to Covid-19. In-person summer school and one-on-one tutoring will continue through the duration of the ESSER III grant and based on our student achievement data as long as necessary address student growth for the 2022-2023 school year and beyond.

Support for Social, Emotional, and Mental Health Needs

Our Campus Counselor will provide social/emotional support and be available to students throughout the school day. We also utilize programming available through Edgenuity to support students academically as well as socially/emotionally and mentally.

Crosstimbers Academy will ensure that students and staff have access to resources to support social, emotional, and mental health.