



Crafton Elementary School Parent/Student Handbook

2023-2024

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2023-2024 IMPORTANT DATES

Meet the Teacher Night - Elementary (5-7 PM)	August 17, 2023
FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL for Students	August 22, 2023
LABOR DAY NO SCHOOL	September 4, 2023
Teacher In-Service Day NO SCHOOL	October 20, 2023
First Report Period Ends, Elementary & Secondary	October 25, 2023
Report Cards Available Online	November 1, 2023
Teacher In-Service Day NO SCHOOL	November 6, 2023
Parent/Teacher Conferences NO SCHOOL	November 7, 2023
THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY BREAK NO SCHOOL	November 23-November 27, 2023
WINTER HOLIDAY BREAK NO SCHOOL	December 25, 2023-January 2, 2024
FIRST SEMESTER ENDS	January 12, 2024
MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. HOLIDAY NO SCHOOL	January 15, 2024
Report Cards Available Online	January 22, 2024
100th Day of School	January 29, 2024
PRESIDENT'S DAY NO SCHOOL	February 19, 2024
Teacher In-Service Day NO SCHOOL	March 15, 2024
Third Report Period Ends, Elementary & Secondary	March 20, 2024
Report Cards Available Online	March 27, 2024
SPRING HOLIDAY BREAK NO SCHOOL	March 28-April 1, 2024
PSSA Testing	April 22-May 3, 2024
KENNYWOOD PICNIC/MEMORIAL DAY BREAK NO SCHOOL	May 23-27, 2024
Fourth Report Period Ends, Elementary & Secondary	May 31, 2024
SENIOR COMMENCEMENT	May 31, 2024
LAST DAY OF SCHOOL for Students	May 31, 2024

SCHOOL CANCELLATION MAKE-UP DAYS

- February 19, 2024
- March 28, 2024
- April 1, 2024
- June 3, 2024

Welcome to Crafton Elementary School!

Crafton Elementary School
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The Crafton Elementary School Student/Parent Handbook provides information regarding rules, policies, academic opportunities, student privileges and responsibilities. Crafton Elementary School is a community of learners who need the cooperation of all in making the school a safe and caring environment for all who enter. We ask that you refer to this handbook and contact staff members as needed throughout the school year.

Welcome to the Crafton Elementary School family! Have a great school year!

District Mission Statement

The Carlynton School District recognizing the shared responsibility of educators, students and families of this culturally diverse community, will provide a challenging educational program for all students within a safe nurturing environment, which will enable them to function as productive, ethical and responsible global citizens.

Belief Statement

We believe that:

- Education is worth the commitment of time, money, and effort.
- Education is a cooperative effort of parents, students, staff, and community.
- All students are unique individuals with varied interests, and abilities.
- All students can be successful learners based on ability.
- All students have a right to be educated to the fullest potential.
- Individual guidance is critical to maximize each student's potential.
- Students should be encouraged to reach their potential.
- High expectations directly affect performance.
- Each individual has worth and deserves respect and dignity.
- A nurturing, safe environment is conducive to learning.
- The school district encourages students to be responsible members of a global society.

Facilities at Crafton :

Auditorium
Cafeteria
Gymnasium
Playground
Library/STEAM Room
Lego Lab
Chill Room
Art Room
1:1 Computer

ADMINISTRATION, FACULTY AND STAFF

CARLYNTON SCHOOL DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION

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CRAFTON ELEMENTARY ADMINISTRATION

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CRAFTON ELEMENTARY FACULTY

Ms. T. Alex	K	Ms. B. Dzurko	K	Ms. K. Helfrick	K
Ms. A. Hoffman	1	Ms. J. Rishell	1	Ms. A. Rynn	1
Mr. J. Bassano	2	Mr. N. DeRoss	2		
Ms. J. Bigler	3	Mr. D. Kuhn	3		
Ms. A. Ficorilli	4	Ms. A. Monaghan	4		
Ms. N. Kelly	5	Ms. R. Wenrich	5		
Ms. B. Ward	6	Ms. M. Wisser	6		

CRAFTON ELEMENTARY UNIFIED ARTS AND SUPPORT STAFF

School Psychologist	Ms. R. Braithwaite	Gifted Support	Mr. M. Donovan
Guidance Counselor	Ms. H. Shearer	Speech/Language	Ms. L. Jovanovich
Learning Support K-3	Ms. S. Vitali	Learning Support 4-6	Ms. K. Neal
Learning Support 4-6	Ms. K. Tatara	Autistic Support/Life Skills/Emotional Support K-6	Ms. M. Richardson
Library/STEAM	Mrs. A. Sirianni	Physical Education/Health	Mr. J. Ficorilli
Phys. Ed./Health	Mr. J. Ficorilli	PAWS	Mr. D. Alexander
Art	Mrs. M. Dzurenda	Nurse	Mrs. A. Schaffer
General/Instrumental Music	Mr. C. Comm	Title I Math	Ms. G. DeRoss
Title I Reading/Math	Ms. J. Rizzo	Title I Reading	Ms. S. Kosko

PTA (PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION)

The PTA, or the Parent Teacher Association is a network of families, teachers, administrators, and business and community leaders devoted to the educational success of each Crafton Elementary student and the promotion of family engagement in our school.

The goal of the PTA is to provide a fun experience for all students. Fun Day, monthly themed activities, family reading night, and field trips are among the many activities and educational experiences sponsored by the PTA at Crafton Elementary.

There are many ways for parents and caregivers to be involved in the PTA. You may choose to be involved as much or as little as your schedule permits. Meetings are once monthly. Opportunities to participate range from hands on at school events to making phone calls from home, and everything in between. There is a place for everyone in the PTA and it takes many hands to ensure a successful school year for our students.

The cost to become a voting member of the Crafton PTA is \$5/year. You may reach out to the PTA Board at craftonelementarypta@gmail.com with any questions.

We look forward to seeing you!

ACADEMIC DAY AND ATTENDANCE

The school day begins with arrival at 8:25 AM and ends with dismissal at 3:00 PM.

Late Arrivals (Tardy)

Students arriving at school between 8:30 AM and 10:00 AM are considered tardy.

Students arriving at school between 10:00 AM and 11:30 AM are marked absent for a half-day.

Students arriving at school after 11:30 AM are marked absent for the entire day.

Students arriving to homeroom after 8:30 AM are considered tardy. For the first 10 occasions of tardiness, a parent note will be accepted and students will be able to make up missed work if the note properly excuses the tardiness. When tardiness to school occurs beyond the tenth occasion, students will be required to submit a doctor's note for the tardiness to be excused. Students are not permitted to make up work for unexcused tardiness to school. Based upon cumulative minutes of missed instruction, principals may file charges with the local magistrate.

Early Dismissals

No student of Carlynton School District, regardless of their age, will be excused prior to the regular dismissal time without a written request from a parent/guardian. A parent/guardian must be present at the time of the early dismissal. All written requests for early dismissal must be turned in to the homeroom teacher. Appointments with doctors, dentists, etc. should be made after school hours when possible. Under NO circumstances should parents send an email regarding a student's dismissal. This information must be communicated via a phone call to the Main Office. Students leaving the elementary school prior to 11:30 AM will be marked absent for ½ day. Students will only be released to adults listed as emergency contacts with proper ID. **NO EARLY DISMISSALS WILL TAKE PLACE AFTER 2:30 PM DAILY.**

Attendance

Acceptable reasons for students to miss school are as follows:

- Illness of the student
- Death in the immediate family or family emergency
- Impassable roads (as determined by the District)
- Court appearance with proper documentation
- Pre-approved religious educational events
- Medical or dental appointments (partial day absence)

Student absences for any other reason will be marked "unexcused".

A properly signed excuse must be submitted to the school office **within three (3) days** of a student's return to school. If submitted after three days, the absence is an illegal absence. The district cannot accept emailed excuses. Click here to download and complete an Excused Absence Form: [Excused Absence Form](#)

Students may miss up to ten (10) days of school per year before a doctor's note will be required. For every absence over 10 days, a doctor's note will be required for absences to be excused.

Days excused by a certified medical provider will be accepted by the District and will not count toward the ten (10) days outlined above.

Pre-approved family trips count toward the ten (10) days of absence per year. Students must receive pre-approval from the school principal for all family educational trips. Days not pre-approved or that exceed the ten day limit will be considered illegal. Click here to download and complete an educational trip form: [Educational Trip Form](#)

Students who miss more than ten (10) days of school and do not provide a doctor's excuse will be considered illegally absent/truant from school. The district will take the following steps:

- A. Third Illegal Absence (Truant)
 - a. District will send a letter with a copy of legal penalties for violation of compulsory attendance.
 - b. Student may not make up work
 - c. Student may not participate in any activities until next official school day
- B. Fourth (4th) Illegal Absence
 - a. District will schedule a meeting with student and parent/guardian to discuss the cause of truancy and to develop a Truancy Elimination Plan (TEP).
 - b. Student Attendance Improvement Plan (SAIP). All parties (school, parent/guardian, student) are expected to sign the SAIP.
- C. Sixth (6th) Illegal Absence
 - a. District will send a letter informing the parent/guardian that the student has reached his/her maximum number of missed days.
 - b. Medical excuses will be required for any additional absences or those days will remain as illegal.

Habitually truant students may be referred to Children, Youth and Family (CYF).

Missed Work

Students may make up work missed by any excused absence or suspension. Make-up work is entirely the student's responsibility. Failure to make up class work and tests within the same number of days missed will result in a failing grade for the missing work. Students will not receive credit for work for those days on which absences are unexcused.

Educational Trips and Tours

Educational trips that are non-school district sponsored will be given an excused absence if the following conditions are met:

- Student's parent/guardian submits a written request to the Principal for excusal at least 10 days prior. Request forms may be found here: [Educational Trip Form](#)
- The Principal has approved the student's participation on the trip or tour.
- There is an adult directing and supervising the pupil during the trip/tour who is acceptable to both the parent and Principal.
- Excused absence for non-school sponsored trips will be limited to ten (10) days during a school term. Educational trips will be counted in the 10 days of permissible absences per year.
- Student state testing does not conflict with the dates of the requested trip. Trips will not be approved during state testing windows.

*See Policy 204: [Carlynton SD Attendance Policy](#)

STUDENT HEALTH/EMERGENCY INFORMATION SHEETS

The Health/Emergency Form is an extremely important document in relation to medication, health history and immediate contact of parents/guardians. In cases where school personnel need to make immediate contact with parents/guardians it is imperative that this information be provided. Such incidents may include, but are not limited to the following: medical emergencies, disciplinary instances, emergency early dismissals, and immediate academic concerns. Please click the links to download and complete these forms.

[Student Emergency Form](#)

[Authorization for Medication During School Hours Form](#)

CUSTODY AND PARENTAL RIGHTS

Because the district stands in the legal position of "in loco parentis", the following reasonable guidelines must be adhered to:

- If a student's parents are estranged and there has not been a court order establishing custody, and there is no legal guardian duly appointed, the district will regard the PARENT IN CHARGE (parent with whom the child resides) as the legal custodian of the child for the purposes of this policy. Unless informed otherwise in writing, the district shall rely on the child's Registration Form to determine residency.
- In cases where a court order has established custody, the district will honor the court's decision upon receipt of a certified copy of the court's order.
- A child will be released only to the individual having legal custody, the legal guardian or the PARENT IN CHARGE.
- All communications from the district regarding the child will be directed to the individual having legal custody, the legal guardian or the PARENT IN CHARGE, unless otherwise directed by a court order.

*See Policy 238: [Carlynton SD Custody/Parental Rights Policy](#)

VISITING OUR BUILDING

The Carlynton School Board welcomes and encourages visits to Crafton Elementary School by parents and guardians of children enrolled in the school. All guests visiting Crafton Elementary School are to report directly to the main office and present photo identification. Each visitor will be given a visitor identification badge (sticker) that must be worn while in the building. Any classroom visits must be scheduled with the classroom teacher and administration. Carlynton School District utilizes the Raptor System to generate visitor badges with a valid driver's license/state ID.

*See Policy 907: [Carlynton SD School Visitors Policy](#)

CAFETERIA SERVICES/SCHOOL MEALS

The Carlynton School District provides free breakfast and lunch to all students at Crafton Elementary School. Students have the option of a hot lunch, peanut butter and jelly sandwich, or cheese sandwich for lunch. Families are also welcome to send a packed lunch with their children.

DRESS CODE

The Carlynton School District wishes to present an appearance and mode of behavior, which can be pointed to with pride by anyone within the school community. While we accept changes in fashion and recognize certain situations requiring appropriate modes of dress, we counsel moderation. Please use good judgment when choosing clothes to be worn to school. As to avoid the loss of valuable class time, students are counseled to avoid clothing which is distracting to the orderly process of education.

The school district considers the following to be inappropriate (to the educational process) and will NOT be tolerated:

- Bare feet, bare midriffs, muscle shirts, halter tops, see-through clothing; hats, head coverings, and heavy outerwear jackets in school
- Shorts or skirts that are less than fingertip length when the arms are extended alongside the legs (while in a standing position)
- Baggy shorts or pants
- Cut off garments
- Dog collars and chains
- Clothing with holes or clothing that is blatantly not in a good state of repair
- Articles of clothing that display offensive words, such as, but not limited to vulgarity, drugs, alcohol, and offensive signs, symbols or gestures
- Articles of clothing which may be perceived as threatening
- Tear-away clothing unless it is permanently fastened

No visible skin/undergarments shall be exposed on the torso. Students may be required to wear certain types of clothing while participating in physical education class.

*See Policy 221: [Carlynton SD Dress and Grooming Policy](#)

DISTRICT-OWNED TECHNOLOGY USE

In order to enhance and maximize the academic potential of each student, the Carlynton School District provides essential technology. There are behavioral expectations associated with the use of all technology at Crafton Elementary School. Inappropriate use of technology will result in disciplinary action and may temporarily or permanently restrict a student's use of District-owned technology.

STUDENTS WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO USE DISTRICT-OWNED TECHNOLOGY WITHOUT SIGNED ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS OF THE POLICIES GOVERNING RESPONSIBLE USE.

Click here to access the Carlynton School District Technology Handbook and complete the required forms: https://cdnsm5-ss8.sharpschool.com/UserFiles/Servers/Server_715103/File/Our%20District/Technology/CSD%20Chromebook%20Handbook.pdf

PERSONAL ELECTRONIC DEVICES

The Board recognizes that mobile phones and electronic devices are now an integral part of the daily lives and culture of many of the district's students. Nonetheless, the Board believes that students should have an educational environment free from unnecessary disruptions and distractions. The Board has determined that the presence of mobile phones and electronic devices has the potential to distract students from their educational mission and to otherwise disrupt the educational environment.

Electronic devices shall include any personal communication device including mobile telephones and smartphones; any device that can capture still images or movies; any device that can record, store, display, transmit, or receive audio or video; any device that can provide a connection to the Internet (whether wireless, wired, 3G or 4G); laptops and tablet computers, electronic gaming systems, SMART watches, and laser pointers.

The Board prohibits all students from any use of electronic devices in locker rooms, bathrooms, and other changing areas.

The Board prohibits the use of electronic devices to take photographs, or to record audio or video at any time during the school day or at any school-sponsored event that is not open to the general public, unless the building administrator has authorized the photograph or recording by giving written consent, or unless the use is authorized for educational purposes as outlined below.

The Board prohibits the use of any electronic device by any elementary school student while in district buildings, on district property and grounds including on district buses, and at school-sponsored activities. An electronic device that is possessed by any student in school buildings or on district property must remain powered off and kept out of sight at all times.

Nothing in this policy shall affect the ability of the building administrator or his/her designee to grant approval for the use of an electronic device by a student because of a student's urgent health or safety needs, or in the event of an emergency.

Nothing in this policy shall affect the provision or use of an electronic device as stated in an Individualized Education Program (IEP) or Section 504 Service Agreement.

Unauthorized use of electronic devices as defined above shall result in the following:

- First Offense: Item is confiscated from the student and will be returned at the end of the school day.
- Second Offense: Item to remain in the school office. The item is only given to a parent/guardian.

Display of any of these items that leads to a disruption in the school may be reported to the principal and may result in disciplinary action.

*See Policy 237: [Carlynton SD Electronic Devices](#)

EMERGENCY PRACTICES

Fire Drills and Emergency Evacuations

Fire drills are practiced monthly for a quick, quiet and safe evacuation. In an emergency evacuation, all students and staff will be escorted to Crafton United Presbyterian Church at 80 Bradford Ave, Pittsburgh, PA 15205.

School Delays/Closings and Emergency Dismissals

When a school closing or delay is necessary due to emergency weather conditions, announcements will be available on the following TV stations: WTAE, WPXI and KDKA. The school may also notify families through the automated call and/or email system.

Flexible Instruction Days (FIDs)

What is a Flexible Instruction Day (FID)?

Flexible Instruction Days are deemed a school day and count toward the number of instructional days/hours required under Article 15 of the Public School Code and Chapter 11 of the State Board of Education regulations. FIDs employ non-traditional strategies to provide a continuation of instruction on regularly scheduled school days when circumstances (primarily weather) call for an alternate approach.

How will it work for Carlynton?

On days that require school closure, the district could have teachers and students stay home to complete their tasks. As long as students complete their assignments within 7 calendar days of the FID and turn in their attendance form to their homeroom teacher, they will receive credit for the school day.

What's the benefit of a FID?

It's an effort to address inclement weather days while at the same time attempting to eliminate the need to extend the school year. It will not require additional make up days to be fulfilled - or to extend the school year to make up for inclement weather cancellations. FIDs are deemed a school day and count toward the number of instructional days/hours required under Article 15 of the Public School Code and Chapter 11 of the State Board of Education regulations.

Unanticipated emergencies sometimes occur during the school year which requires school authorities to dismiss pupils earlier than their regular dismissal time. (Examples: extreme heat, cold, heavy snow, dangerous road conditions, etc.) As school authorities consider the health and safety of District students and staff, should public schools dismiss early, all parents should be aware of this possibility so that they may discuss whatever family procedure they want their child to follow to ensure his/her health and safety. **Family arrangements should be reinforced from time to time, especially with kindergarten or primary school aged pupils**

ACADEMIC FOCUS

Homework

Students in grades Kindergarten through six are expected to do homework on a consistent basis. A parent/guardian should set aside time daily for children to complete homework. Homework assignments may include, but not limited to studying, written work, projects, spelling practice, math and reading for enjoyment. As students progress through the grades, the homework load will get more demanding. Failure to complete homework on a routine basis may result in progressive consequences.

Student Planners

During the first week of school, students in grades 2-6 are given planners to keep track of daily assignments. **Parents are encouraged to check planners nightly for homework assignments.**

Homework When Absent

Whenever children are absent, parents should make arrangements to pick up the missed assignments. Please be advised that work requests will be ready for pick-up 24 hours after the request is made.

Reporting Pupil Progress

The cooperation of the home and school is a vital ingredient in the growth and education of the student. We recognize the importance of keeping the parents informed of student welfare and progress in school. Reporting student progress shall include cards and parent conferences as needed with teachers.

Grading Student Progress

We recognize that a system of grading student achievement can help the student, teachers and parents to better assess the student's progress toward personal educational goals. Nine (9) week period grades will be based solely on objective test grades. Other evaluations will be provided for performance, work habits, citizenship, punctuality, and attendance.

The system of grading is as follows:

Primary and Intermediate Grades (1-6)

- A: 90-100%
- B: 80-89%
- C: 70-79%
- D: 60-69%
- F: 59% and below

Promotion and Retention

We recognize that the personal, social, physical, and educational growth of children will vary and that they should be placed in the educational setting most appropriate to their needs at the various stages of their growth. A student will be promoted to the succeeding grade level when s/he has successfully

completed the course requirement at the presently assigned grade. Every effort will be made to remediate the student's difficulties before s/he is retained, including the Multi-Tiered System of Supports (MTSS) process. Refer to "Special Programs" for a more complete description of the Multi-Tiered System of Supports (MTSS).

Standardized Testing Information

The Carlynton School District utilizes standardized testing to provide valid and reliable data to evaluate the effectiveness of each child's educational program. MAP Benchmark testing and DIBELS reading and math universal screeners are given 3 times a year to monitor progress. **Information will be sent home regarding the grade levels to be tested and the dates for testing.**

Student Records

The primary purpose of record keeping shall be for the educational welfare and advancement of the pupil. The Board authorizes the Principal to forward educational records on request to a school in which a pupil of this District seeks to enroll or intends to enroll.

CURRICULUM

Language Arts

The Carlynton School District curriculum is aligned to the Pennsylvania Core, McGraw Hill Reading Wonders Series, which features an integrated curriculum of Reading, English, Spelling, and Writing into each of the daily lessons. Opportunities are offered to extend this learning into other content areas as well. In the series, students have the opportunity to be exposed to a variety of excellent, contemporary children's literature through their exploration of six major themes in each grade level. Skills are introduced and repeated throughout the levels, providing students with opportunities to practice and develop proficiency. Assessment occurs regularly throughout the levels in an effort to determine the student's mastery of concepts and skills. Alternative lessons are provided when deficiencies in skill areas are evident so that the student may experience proficiency.

Mathematics:

The Carlynton School District has adopted and implemented the enVisionmath2.0 Math Curriculum-Savvas in Grades K-6. Students have the opportunity to develop mastery of concepts and skills beginning with the use of concrete, hands-on manipulatives during introductory lessons, ultimately building to the conceptual level. Practice and review exercises are offered throughout the levels to assist the student in developing proficiency. Assessment occurs frequently within the lessons to determine areas of mastery and deficiency. Alternative lessons are provided when deficiencies in conceptual/skill areas are apparent, so that the student may experience proficiency.

Social Studies

The Carlynton School District has adopted and implemented My World Interactive in grades K-5. **MyWorld Interactive** encourages students to explore their world, expand their thinking, and engage with social studies content. In grade 6, they adopted and implemented McGraw Hill. This social studies program is designed to draw students into rigorous learning experiences to help them understand the world around them.

Science

The Carlynton School District has adopted and implemented the Elevate Science Program in grades K-3. ElevateScience® is a hands-on science curriculum immersing students in the inquiry process. This is science elevated for problem solving, critical thinking, and the Next Generation Science Standards performance expectations. Grades 4-6 has adopted and implemented Science Dimension. The students will be given authentic investigations, hands-on activities and labs, and be inspired through the STEM curriculum.

Unified Arts

Unified Arts will rotate using a 6-day cycle. Homeroom teachers will give specific information about the rotation. Unified Arts are as follows:

Music

Classes are conducted at all grade levels where students play on xylophones and a variety of percussion instruments as well as sing and do rhythmic movements. Students learn to read music written on the treble clef staff. Advanced students learn to read and perform music in parts.

Music Enrichment Grades 4-6

Chorus Students in grades 4-6 will have the opportunity to participate in our chorus program. Chorus classes will be held once per week. Through their participation in the program, students will have the opportunity to participate in various choral programs throughout the school year.

Instrumental Band Additional music opportunities are available for students in grades 4-6. Students can choose to play the oboe, flute, clarinet, trumpet, trombone, baritone, tuba, saxophone, or percussion. Students will receive small group instruction and participate in periodic full band rehearsals. The band is divided into Beginning Band and Advanced Band. These groups perform several concerts throughout the year.

PAWS

Practice Respect, Act Responsibly, Work Together, and Stay Safe. Students will have the opportunity to discuss social issues, build character, and focus on career readiness.

Physical Education

The focus of the kindergarten through grade two programs is movement. Students work on the development of spatial and body awareness, along with the critical locomotor and non-locomotor skills. Grades three and four focus on developing skills needed for various sports activities and a greater understanding of fitness principles. Students in grade five and six focus on developing their individual skills, as well as working towards individual lifetime fitness and activity goals.

Visual Arts

Instructional classes are provided for all students in kindergarten through sixth grade. The art curriculum is based on the National Visual Arts Standards, as well as the Pennsylvania Visual Arts Standards, providing students with exposure to a variety of media, different cultures, and history. Additional enrichment is also provided for students through curriculum integration with the classroom teacher.

Library Science/STEAM

Students in grades K-6 visit the Library or Lego Lab space once during their 6-day Unified Arts rotation. This classroom also incorporates the maker mindset philosophy. This discipline is important for students to develop and master as they are working to develop themselves as successful students. Students are stimulated to develop good-citizenship behaviors while completing curriculum-linked activities, which will develop critical thinking skills, library enrichment and respect for self and others. In addition, students will have an opportunity to review basic library skills and participate in book circulation.

SPECIAL PROGRAMS

Multi-Tiered System of Supports (MTSS)

Multi-Tiered System of Supports is a comprehensive multi-tiered intervention strategy to enable early identification and intervention for students at academic or behavioral risk. The core principles of MTSS are:

- Use research-based scientifically validated interventions/instruction
- Monitor student progress to inform instruction
- Use data to make decisions
- Use assessments for three different purposes: screening, diagnostics and progress monitoring

The Chill Room Project

The Allegheny Health Network CHILL Room Project, founded by Dr. William Davies, provides a multi-tiered system of mental health services and support. If a student or staff member is having a bad day or needs some time to regroup from anxiety, anger or emotions that challenge their ability to function, they can visit the CHILL Room. School personnel within the CHILL Room will be trained to help students identify and manage their stress and will help soothe and calm their demeanor with preventative measures and proactive strategies. All students and staff will have access to the CHILL Room. The behavior health educator will also implement a school-wide, 30-week mindfulness curriculum. The curriculum will also have a monthly theme. Students will attend sessions in the room with their class and on an as-needed basis. In addition to the student services, our employees will also have access to counseling services and mindfulness resources through the CHILL Room. The next tier of the program works with students who have an existing IEP or 504 plan. This therapist is paid for through insurance and works specifically with identified students. This person will also provide resources to staff members and work with the administrative and SAP teams. The final tier provides an in-school Certified Registered Nurse Practitioner who can provide and administer medication to students. In addition to these services, the CHILL Project will also work with parents and members of the community through outreach and other initiatives. Presentations will be made to community members during PTA meetings, Open House, Rotary Club meetings, and other community events.

Positive Behavior Interventions and Support (PBIS)

Implementation framework for maximizing the selection and use of evidence-based prevention and intervention practices along a multi-tiered continuum that supports the academic, social, and emotional and behavioral competence of all students. Our 3Bs are Be Respectful, Be Responsible, and Be Ready. This is something that we practice each day.

Crafton Elementary has been recognized through Pennsylvania and the AIU as participating in PBIS with Fidelity for the 2022-2023 year.

Student Safety Patrols

The sixth grade students apply to participate in the Safety Patrol Program. Once accepted as a safety patrol person, each student is instructed as to how to perform the following duties: assisting students on the bus, in the hallways and learning how to responsibly report to the safety supervisor.

Title I Reading Program or Reading Club

This program is viewed as a developmental process that begins prior to entering school and progresses throughout the elementary school years. The primary focuses of instruction are phonemic awareness, fluency, vocabulary, and comprehension. This is in conjunction with reading and writing, appreciation of literature, and enjoyment of reading.

Title I Math Program or Math Club

This program will provide targeted assistance for students in mathematics. The primary focus of instruction will be on remediation of skills, basic computation and problem solving. This supplemental program will provide math interventions to students in addition to instruction in the Harcourt Math series.

DISCIPLINE POLICY

Code of Student Conduct

Among the essential goals of the Carlynton School District's Code of Conduct is the promotion of self-discipline and personal responsibility among students. Consistent with this goal, the discipline of any student is designed to seek proper conduct through learning. Students are prohibited from engaging in any conduct or activity contrary to, or in violation of the Pennsylvania Crimes Code, ordinances of local municipalities or published regulations of the School District, or any other applicable statutes, regulations, ordinances, policies, or rules.

No student has the right to interfere with the education of fellow students. It is the responsibility of each student to respect the rights of students, district personnel, and all others who are involved in the educational process. Students should express their ideas and opinions in a respectful manner.

It is the responsibility of students to:

- Treat all members of the Carlynton community in a respectful manner through both words and actions.
- Be aware of all rules and regulations for student behavior and conduct themselves in accordance with them. **Students should assume that, until a rule is waived, altered or repealed in writing, it is in effect.*
- Comply with requests posed by district personnel.
- Attend school daily and be on time to all classes and other functions.
- Pursue the satisfactory completion of the course of study prescribed by the Commonwealth and local school authorities.
- Make up work when absent from school.
- Provide information to district personnel in matters relating to the health, safety, and welfare of the individual and school community as well as the protection of school property.
- Exercise proper care when using public facilities and equipment.

*See Policy 235: [Carlynton SD Student Rights and Responsibilities Policy](#)

Self-Reporting Safe Haven

Students are expected to know and follow school regulations governing student behavior, including the list of prohibited items. As a responsible member of the school community, a student who has unintentionally brought to school, or while in school, has come into the possession of such items, should immediately bring the situation to the attention of a teacher or administrator. In so doing, the student would be demonstrating the principles of self-discipline and accountability that the student code of conduct promotes. In such circumstances, the student's self-reporting of the situation will be considered as a mitigating factor in determining what discipline, if any, should result.

Safe 2 Say Something

Say Something Anonymous Reporting System allows you to submit secure and Anonymous safety concerns to help identify and intervene upon at-risk individuals BEFORE they hurt themselves or others. You can do this by reporting observed threats, behaviors, actions and harassment.

Abuse/Harassment/Intimidation/Bullying

Abuse, harassment, intimidation, bullying and acts of cyber-bullying by students, staff and third parties toward students are strictly prohibited. Students are prohibited from engaging in violent, aggressive or abusive behavior, physically abusing an individual, or harassing an individual, including sexual harassment, through conduct or communications. It is the responsibility of students and all district personnel to report incidents of bullying to a school official or designee as outlined in the district bullying policy.

“Abuse, harassment, intimidation, bullying or cyber-bullying” means any act that substantially interferes with a student’s educational benefits, opportunities or performance, that takes place on or immediately adjacent to district grounds, at any district-sponsored activity, on district-provided transportation or at any official district bus stop, that may have the effect of:

- Physically harming a student or damaging a student’s property;
- Knowingly placing a student in reasonable fear of physical harm to the student or damage to the student’s property;
- Creating a hostile educational environment including interfering with the psychological well-being of the student.
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*See Policy 247: [Carlynton SD Hazing Policy](#)

*See Policy 249: [Carlynton SD Bullying/Cyberbullying Policy](#)

Buses (Violations)

Since many violations on the buses can cause unsafe conditions, we are concerned about the safety and behavior on the buses and must be alert to maintain a safe situation. All school regulations apply to riding the school bus.

Warning: The bus driver may issue a warning notice to the student, which will exclude the student from riding the bus.

- First Violation: Verbal warning, opportunity for assigned seat, parent(s) notified.
- Second Violation: In-school recess detention. Parents will be notified.
- Third Violation: After-school detention. Parents will be notified.
- Fourth Violation: One (1)-day bus suspension to and from school.
- Fifth Violation: Three (3)-day bus suspension to and from school.
- Sixth Violation: Five (5)-day bus suspension to and from school.

All bus violations will be reviewed by the administration, and consequences may be distributed at the discretion of the building principal. **If a violation warrants, the loss of transportation could begin at any violation level.**

Violations for unsatisfactory conduct on the school bus, which could lead to suspension of transportation to and from school include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Not remaining seated while the bus was in motion
- Pushing/shoving/fighting*
- Boisterous conduct, whistling or calling people from the bus
- Not keeping all parts of the body inside of the bus/feet on the floor
- Littering
- Cutting the seats

- Disrespect to the bus driver
- Loud conversations
- Unnecessary noises
- Throwing objects from or on the bus
- Profanity*
- Eating or drinking
- Smoking*

*These infractions will be handled at the appropriate level of the general discipline code.

**Suspension from transportation does not excuse a student from attending school.

Transportation to and from school is a great convenience for our students. We ask your cooperation in making riding a school bus in the Carlynton School District a pleasant and safe experience.

CONSEQUENCES FOR STUDENT MISCONDUCT

The following table is a list of Code of Conduct violations and subsequent consequences. The code of conduct is applicable on school grounds, in school buildings, on school buses, during school activities, field trips, and excursions and from the time of departure for school until arrival at home. Although some consequences are prescribed for specific actions, disciplinary consequences are determined on an individual basis consistent with the student's past behavior, special needs, etc.

Consequences For Student Misconduct							
INFRACTION	Lunch Detention	After-School Detention	Meeting With Principal	Parent Conference	In-School Suspension	Out-of-School Suspension	Police Notified
Abuse/Harassment/Intimidation/Bullying
Assault/Fighting		3-5 Days	.
Buses
Bomb Threat/Fire Alarm						10 Days	.
Cafeteria Disturbance		
Classroom Disturbance		
Dress Code Violation		
Drug & Alcohol Use						10 Days	.
Electronic Devices			.	.	.		
Fire/Explosion						.	.
Food/Beverages		
Hazing					.	.	.
Insolence/Disrespect	
Insubordination
Leaving School Grounds		
Misuse of Technology			
Photograph/Recording (Video or Audio)	
Physical Aggression	1-5 Days	.
Tardy to School			
Theft	
Threats		10 Days	.
Tobacco Use and Possession					.	.	.
Vandalism	
Weapons			.	.	.	10 Days	

Definitions of Consequences

Detention: the assignment of a student to a quiet, supervised area in the school for a specific amount of time beyond the regular school day. When assigned to detention, students are expected to report on time, bring materials, sit in the seat assigned by the supervisor, refrain from eating, drinking, sleeping and talking with others, and remain in the detention room for the duration of the assigned detention. Failure to serve detention as assigned will result in further disciplinary action.

In-School Suspension: the exclusion of a student from their regular class schedule and all school-related activities and functions for a period of one (1) to three (3) days. The parent is informed of the suspension in writing. In-school suspension at the elementary level must be scheduled, and may take place days after the incident.

Out-of-School Suspension: The exclusion of a student from school and all school-related activities and functions for a period of one (1) to ten (10) days. The parent is informed of the suspension in writing. When the suspension exceeds three (3) days, the student and parent are given an opportunity to attend an informal hearing with the principal.

Expulsion: exclusion from school for a serious offense or a series of offenses for a period exceeding 10 school days. Expulsion may be permanent. If a student is to be excluded from school for a period exceeding 10 days, a formal hearing before the School Board or Superintendent will be held before any action is taken.

Restriction from School Activities: Participation in co-curricular activities, extracurricular activities, sports and ceremonial events is a privilege and not a right. Activities include, but are not limited to, athletic contests, musical and dramatic performances, school clubs and ceremonial events such as dances, field trips, assemblies, grade level activities or events, talent show and classroom parties. These activities may be restricted when a student violates the Carlynton School District Code of Conduct. Restriction from participation and attendance at school activities will be assigned by the school administration. Nothing in this rule shall negate prescribed disciplinary actions such as suspension, detention, the filing of charges with law enforcement officials or other appropriate sanctions. A student and his/her parent(s) or guardian(s) shall be notified in writing by the administration that restriction will be applied. Upon request by the parent, the assigning principal will meet informally to review the issue and afford appropriate due process.

Referral to Police Department: Under the Crimes Code, school officials are required to report violations of law and certain other serious offenses to the Robinson Police Department. When it is necessary for police officers to interview a student or to take a student into custody during school hours, school officials follow established procedures to protect the rights and interests of students and to assist police in the performance of their duties. School officials make every attempt to notify the parent or legal guardian of the situation, except in matters involving allegations of child abuse when the parent is the alleged offender.

Searches: School authorities, having reasonable suspicion, may search a student's personal property or locker and seize any illegal material. School lockers and other storage spaces are school property. Students shall not expect privacy regarding items placed in school lockers or storage spaces. School officials may conduct random, periodic or sweeping searches of all lockers, at any time for any reason,

with or without notice. Seized materials may be used as evidence against the student in disciplinary proceedings.

Students are not permitted to have locks on their lockers in Crafton Elementary. Please keep all valuable possessions at home. The school does not assume responsibility for the loss or theft of personal items stored in lockers.

*See Policy 218: [Carlynton SD Student Discipline Policy](#)

*See Policy 233: [Carlynton SD Suspension and Expulsion Policy](#)

*See Policy 226: [Carlynton SD Searches Policy](#)

HEALTH INSURANCE PORTABILITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT ("HIPAA")

The Carlynton School District is aware of its obligation to comply with the Privacy Regulations promulgated by the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996. The "HIPAA" Privacy Rule prevents the unauthorized disclosure of health information with consent.

Written Privacy Practices have been developed. To review the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act, please contact the building principal.

CARLYNTON SCHOOL DISTRICT

NOTICE OF PRIVACY PRACTICES

THIS NOTICE DESCRIBES HOW MEDICAL INFORMATION ABOUT YOU
MAY BE USED AND DISCLOSED AND HOW YOU CAN GET ACCESS TO
THIS INFORMATION. PLEASE REVIEW IT CAREFULLY.

1. Purpose of this Notice:

Pursuant to the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996, this notice explains how the Carlynton School District. School District may use and disclose YOUR PROTECTED HEALTH INFORMATION. This NOTICE describes the types of information that is collected and YOUR rights with regards to that information.

2. Definitions:

As used in this NOTICE, the following capitalized terms shall have the meanings ascribed to them unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

INCLUDES and/or INCLUDING means inclusive of and not limited to and by way of example and not limitation.

"NOTICE" means this Notice of Privacy Practices.

"PROTECTED HEALTH INFORMATION" means your individually identifiable health information maintained in any form or medium by the Carlynton School District PROTECTED HEALTH INFORMATION INCLUDES the following: health history; medical records; name, address, and date of birth; marital status; sex; social security number; information regarding dependents, and; other similar information that relates to past, present or future medical care. PROTECTED HEALTH INFORMATION does not include individually identifiable health information maintained in education records, as defined by the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act.

"PROVIDER" refers to all employees, agents and subcontractors of the Carlynton School District who provide medical care or health services for which the Carlynton School District seeks reimbursement through electronic means. For the purposes of this Notice and YOUR rights under the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996, PROVIDER refers to the health care component designated as the PROVIDER by Carlynton School District.

"YOU" and "YOUR" refers to the individual whose PROTECTED HEALTH INFORMATION is covered by this NOTICE. In the case of an unemancipated minor, "YOU" and "YOUR" refer to the unemancipated minor, or the parents or other legal guardians entitled to exercise rights under this NOTICE, as the context requires.

3. Permitted Uses and Disclosures of Protected Health Information:

A. Uses and Disclosures for Treatment:

The PROVIDER may use or disclose YOUR PROTECTED HEALTH INFORMATION without YOUR authorization for all treatment purposes as allowed by law, INCLUDING to doctors, nurses, laboratory technicians, medical students, psychologists, physical therapists, speech therapists, and other health care and personnel involved in YOUR treatment.

B. Uses and Disclosure for Payment:

The PROVIDER may use and disclose YOUR PROTECTED HEALTH INFORMATION without YOUR authorization for its own payment activities as allowed by law, INCLUDING to obtain reimbursement for eligible medical and health services under the Medical Assistance program.

C. Uses and Disclosures for Operations:

The PROVIDER may use and disclose YOUR PROTECTED HEALTH INFORMATION without YOUR authorization for all of its own health care operations as allowed by law, INCLUDING the provision of "related services" as required by the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act.

4. Other Uses and Disclosures for Which Your Authorization is Not Required:

In the situations described below, Carlynton School District may disclose YOUR PROTECTED HEALTH INFORMATION without obtaining YOUR authorization:

When requested by a public health authority for the purpose of preventing or controlling disease, injury, or disability;

When requested by a public health authority in connection with reporting of child abuse or neglect;

To a government authority of the PROVIDER: (1) reasonably believes that YOU may be the victim of abuse, neglect, or domestic violence; (2) is required by law to make the disclosure; (3) YOU are unable to consent to the disclosure; and, (4) the PROVIDER reasonably believes, in the exercise of professional judgment, that informing YOU of the disclosure would place YOU at risk of serious harm;

To a health oversight agency for oversight activities authorized by law, including; audits; civil, administrative, or criminal investigations; inspections; licensure or disciplinary actions; civil, administrative, or criminal proceedings or actions; or other activities necessary for appropriate oversight of the health care system;

In response to an order of court or administrative tribunal, but only to the extent required by the order;

In response to a subpoena, discovery request, or other lawful process, if the requesting party demonstrates that it made a good faith attempt to notify you of the request;

To a law enforcement official, as required by law, pursuant to a warrant, subpoena, or other administrative summons;

To a law enforcement official, upon request for the purpose of identifying or locating a suspect, fugitive, material witness, or missing person;

To a law enforcement official, upon request, for identification of a victim of a crime, where you are unable to consent, where such information is not intended to be used against you, where immediate law enforcement activity depends upon the disclosure, and where the PROVIDER determines that it is in YOUR best interest to make the disclosure;

To a law enforcement official, for the purpose of alerting law enforcement of the death of the individual if the PROVIDER has a suspicion that such death may have resulted from criminal conduct;

To a law enforcement official, where the PROVIDER believes in good faith that the protected health information constitutes evidence of criminal conduct that occurred on the premises of the Carlynton School District.

To a law enforcement official to avert a serious threat to health and safety;

To a coroner, medical examiner or funeral director as required by, or consistent with, applicable law;

To organ procurement organizations or other entities engaged in the procurement, banking, or transplantation of cadaveric organs, eyes, or tissue for the purpose of facilitating organ, eye, or tissue donation and transplantation;

To military, national security, and intelligence officials, as required by law.

5. Statement of Privacy Policy and Practices:

It is the policy and practice of the Carlynton School District to maintain YOUR PROTECTED HEALTH INFORMATION confidential and to not use or disclose YOUR PROTECTED HEALTH INFORMATION unless YOU authorize such use or disclosure, or such use or disclosure is permitted or required by law as described in the "Permitted Uses and Disclosures of Protected Health Information." Any use or disclosure of YOUR PROTECTED HEALTH INFORMATION by the Carlynton School District other than as listed in the "Permitted Uses and Disclosures of Protected Health Information" or "Other Uses and Disclosures for Which Your Authorization is Not Required" sections of this NOTICE will only be made with YOUR prior written authorization. In situations where YOU authorize the Carlynton School District to disclose YOUR PROTECTED HEALTH INFORMATION, YOU may revoke that authorization. Such revocation must be in writing to the Contact Person designated in this NOTICE. If YOU provide proper written notice of revocation of authorization, the Carlynton School District is bound by that revocation except to the extent that it has acted in reliance on the authorization.

The Carlynton School District has adopted appropriate administrative, technical and physical safeguards to prevent unauthorized uses and disclosures of YOUR PROTECTED HEALTH INFORMATION.

6. Your Rights under the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996:

A. Restrictions.

YOU have the right to request restrictions on how the PROVIDER uses or discloses YOUR PROTECTED HEALTH INFORMATION. Such requests must be in writing to the Complaint Officer/Contact Person designated in this NOTICE. The Carlynton School District is not bound by YOUR request, and may refuse to accept the requested restriction. If the Carlynton School District agrees to YOUR request for a restriction, the Carlynton School District will notify YOU in writing of its acceptance of the restriction.

B. Communication.

YOU may request to receive communications of YOUR PROTECTED HEALTH INFORMATION by reasonable alternative means or at reasonable alternative locations, if disclosure of all or part of that information could endanger YOU. Such a request must be made in writing to the Complaint Officer/Contact Person designated in this NOTICE, must specify how the alternative communication is to be made, and must explain that the reasonable alternative means or reasonable alternative locations are requested because disclosure of all or part of the information could endanger YOU.

C. Right to Inspect.

YOU have the right to inspect and/or copy YOUR PROTECTED HEALTH INFORMATION that is maintained in a designated record set by the Carlynton School District. A request to inspect or copy must be made in writing to the Complaint Officer/Contact Person designated in this NOTICE. The Carlynton School District will act on YOUR request within 30 days of receipt. If the Carlynton School District grants YOUR request, YOU may be charged a reasonable fee for copying and postage. If the Carlynton School District denies YOUR request, the Carlynton School District will inform YOU in writing and will explain how YOU may contest the denial.

D. Right to Amend.

YOU have the right to request an amendment of YOUR PROTECTED HEALTH INFORMATION maintained by the Carlynton School District. A request for an amendment of YOUR PROTECTED HEALTH INFORMATION must be made in writing to the Complaint Officer/Contact Person designated in this NOTICE and must explain in sufficient detail the reason for the amendment. The Carlynton

School District will act on the request for amendment within 60 days of receipt. If the Carlynton School District denies YOUR request for amendment, the Carlynton School District will inform YOU in writing of the denial and will explain how YOU may contest the denial.

E. Right to an Accounting.

YOU have the right to request an accounting of all disclosures by the Carlynton School District of YOUR PROTECTED HEALTH INFORMATION in the six years prior to the date on which the accounting is requested, or since April 14, 2003, whichever period is shorter. A request for an accounting must be made in writing to the Complaint Officer/Contact Person designated in this NOTICE. The Carlynton School District will provide an accounting of all disclosures of YOUR PROTECTED HEALTH INFORMATION, except those that it is not required by law to disclose.

F. Right to Receipt of this Notice.

YOU have the right to receive a written copy of this NOTICE by requesting a copy from the Complaint Officer/Contact Person designated in this NOTICE.

7. Carlynton School District's Duties.

The Carlynton School District is required by law to maintain the privacy of PROTECTED HEALTH INFORMATION and to provide individuals with notice of its legal duties and privacy practices with respect to PROTECTED HEALTH INFORMATION.

The Carlynton School District will abide by the terms of the NOTICE in effect at the time action is taken.

8. Right to Change Notice.

The Carlynton School District reserves the right to change the terms of its NOTICE and to make the new NOTICE provisions effective for all PROTECTED HEALTH INFORMATION that it maintains. If the Carlynton School District revises its NOTICE in any substantive manner, the Carlynton School District will notify YOU by regular mail of the revision. YOU may obtain a copy of the revised NOTICE by requesting it from the Complaint Officer/Contact Person designated in this NOTICE.

9. Complaint Procedure.

YOU may complain to the Carlynton School District and to the Secretary of the United States Department of Health and Human Services if YOU believe that the Carlynton School District has violated YOUR privacy rights. If YOU wish to initiate a complaint with the Carlynton School District, YOU may do so by writing to the Complaint Officer/Contact Person designated in this NOTICE, stating the grounds for YOUR complaint and the individual(s) or entity(ies) that YOU believe violated YOUR privacy rights. The Carlynton School District will investigate YOUR complaint and will take appropriate action.

The Carlynton School District will not retaliate against YOU for filing a complaint, either with or without the Secretary of the United States Department of Health and Human Services.

10. Complaint Officer/Contact Person.

The Complaint Officer/Contact Person for the Carlynton School District designated by this NOTICE is: Carlynton School District. In the event that YOUR complaint concerns actions by the Contact Person, YOU may alternatively contact the Privacy Officer: Dr. Hillary Mangis.

11. Effective Date.

The effective date of this NOTICE is April 14, 2003

PARENT RIGHT TO KNOW LETTER

Parent Right to Know Information as Required by The Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) [Section 1112(e)(1)(A)] and the Every Student Succeeds Act [Section 1112(e)(1)(A)]

August 1, 2023

Dear Parent(s)/Legal Guardian(s):

Your child attends Crafton Elementary, which receives Federal Title I funds to assist students in meeting state achievement standards. Throughout the school year, we will be providing you with important information about this law and your child's education. This letter lets you know about your right to request information about the qualifications of the classroom staff working with your child.

At Carnegie Elementary, we are very proud of our teachers and feel they are ready for the coming school year and are prepared to give your child a high-quality education. As a Title I school, we must meet federal regulations related to teacher qualifications as defined in ESEA. These regulations allow you to learn more about your child's teachers' training and credentials. We are happy to provide this information to you. At any time, you may ask:

- Whether the teacher met state qualifications and certification requirements for the grade level and subject he/she is teaching,
- Whether the teacher received an emergency or conditional certificate through which state qualifications were waived.
- What undergraduate or graduate degrees the teacher holds, including graduate certificates and additional degrees, and major(s) or area(s) of concentration.

You may also ask whether your child receives help from a paraprofessional. If your child receives this assistance, we can provide you with information about the paraprofessional's qualifications.

The Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) which was signed into law in December 2015 and reauthorizes the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1956 (ESEA) includes additional right to know requests. At any time, parents and family members can request information on policies regarding student participation in assessments and procedures for opting out, and information on required assessments that include:

- o subject matter tested.
- o purpose of the test.
- o source of the requirement (if applicable).
- o amount of time it takes students to complete the test.
- o time and format of disseminating results.

Our staff is committed to helping your child develop the academic knowledge and critical thinking he/she needs to succeed in school and beyond. That commitment includes making sure that all of our teachers and paraprofessionals meet applicable Pennsylvania state requirements.

If you have any questions about your child's assignment to a teacher or paraprofessional, please contact Ms. Marsha Burleson at Crafton Elementary at 412-429-2500 x 4301 or email me at marsha.burleson@carlynton.k12.pa.us.

Sincerely,
Marsha Burleson

PARENT/STUDENT ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND UNDERSTANDING

By signing this form, students, parents, and/or guardians acknowledge they have read the Crafton Elementary School Parent and Student Handbook and that the students and parents/guardians have the responsibility to understand its contents fully. It is understood by the students and parents/guardians that violations of the handbook will be dealt with firmly and that the students and their parents/guardians should take the necessary actions to eliminate those behaviors that disrupt the educational climate at Crafton Elementary School. Failure to address such problems properly may result in suspension or expulsion from school.

****Failure to sign and return the acknowledgement form will serve as complete understanding of Crafton's Handbook.**

Please Note: The Carlynton School District reserves the right to amend this handbook at any time for the safety and well-being of our students.

Click [HERE](#) to complete the Acknowledgement Form.