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Flexible Instruction Day

The PENNCREST School District is pleased to announce that we are one of 87 school districts in Pennsylvania granted permission to implement Flexible Instruction Days or FIDs.

A FID will allow learning to continue on a day PENNCREST is closed/cancelled due to a winter storm or other emergency. This Flexible Instruction Day or FID will count for attendance and will not require a snow make-up day. The Snow Make-up Days on the 2019-2020 school calendar will be days off with school not in session for each FID used. During the first week of November students will be instructed on how to access lessons during a Flexible Instruction Day.

FID Q & A

Question - What is the procedure for instituting a Flexible Instructional Day, and how will students access lessons, materials and technology?

Answer - The Superintendent will decide when to implement a FID and how to notify parents, students and teachers. The FID school day will begin at 10:00am and conclude at 3:00pm. This timeline is consistent with the instructional framework of a 2-hour delay schedule, accounting for a 30-minute lunch break.

Students in Grades K-6

Teachers will send the FID packet home with each student no later than November 1 of each school year. The FID packet is a stand-alone learning module. All of the necessary instructional materials and information are contained in the packet. Each packet contains five (5) ELA and five (5) Math lessons. One (1) lesson represents one (1) FID day of instruction. The information is also posted to the PENNCREST website on the FID page at www.penncrest.org/academics/fids.

Students in Grades 7-8

Teachers will upload the electronic FID (eFID) to every student's iPad no later than November 1 of each school year. The eFID module is a stand-alone learning module. All of the necessary instructional materials and information are contained in each eFID module. Each module contains five (5) ELA and five (5) Math lessons. One (1) lesson represents one (1) FID day worth of instruction. The information is also posted to the PENNCREST website on the FID page at www.penncrest.org/academics/fids.

Students in Grades 9-12

Teachers will upload the electronic FID (eFID) module to every student's iPad no later than November 1 of each school year. The eFID is a stand-alone learning module. All of the necessary instructional materials and information is contained in each eFID module. Each module contains five (5) ELA, Math, Science and Social Studies lessons. One (1) lesson represents one (1) day worth of instruction. The information is also posted to the PENNCREST website on the FID page at www.penncrest.org/academics/fids.

Technology

Teachers are required to have access to FID and eFID modules from home. Teachers are encouraged to take his/her laptop home, or work remotely through the District's SSL from a personal device. Teachers may choose to work remotely or have the option to work from any of our six (6) schools or the Crawford County Career & Technology Center.

Students do not need the internet to complete assignments. Grades K-6 have inclusive packets that require no technology. Students in grades 7 - 12 are required to have the District issued iPad, but do not require an internet connection. Access to a telephone to call teachers to ask questions is helpful, but not required.

Question - How will PENNCREST notify all students, parents, and professional staff that a flexible instructional day is instituted?

Answer - Parents, students, staff and residents are alerted to a delay, closing or FID (Flexible Instruction Day) as follows:

Traditional Media outlets: Your Erie, Erie News Now & Forever NWPA Media

PENNCREST School District and School Websites

School Messenger (emergency notification system)

School Social Media accounts, DOJO, Remind 101, etc...

Question - What will teachers do on Flexible Instruction Days?

Answer - Teachers are notified of a FID through the previously defined avenues. The required FID work day is 10:00am – 3:00pm with a 30-minute lunch. Teachers in grades 4-12 are required to log into accounts to communicate with students and facilitate learning through the telephone, email, Google Classroom, DoJo, et cetera. Teachers in grades K-3 will communicate with parents and students via telephone call, email, Google Classroom, and the like if available. Teachers are not required to communicate with students, but should be available remotely during the FID work day.

Every lesson/learning module has a minimum requirement for objectives, materials and learning activities. Teachers will clearly indicate objectives, standards, required materials, and assessment.

Question - What will students do on Flexible Instruction Days?

Answer - Student responsibility may vary according to grade levels. However, all PENNCREST students K-12 have the same general responsibilities. Students will complete the appropriate FID lesson during the FID school day of 10:00am – 3:00pm. Each student will contact teachers with questions or concerns through our defined communication channels. Students must turn assignments or lesson products into his/her teacher within one (1) week of the FID.

Question - How will teachers identify student participation and attendance during a flexible instructional day.

Answer - Students who do not turn in the required end product or lesson assignment within one (1) week of the FID are considered absent from school and will not receive credit for school work.