

Washington County Commander (NTI) Days Frequently Asked Questions

What is a Commander (NTI) Day?

Commander (NTI) Days allow Washington County Schools to provide nontraditional instruction on days when students are not able to attend school due to inclement weather, illness, or other district-wide issues. On the designated Commander Days, students will have instructional packets and online lessons that provide review opportunities and application of previous learning. Depending on the student's grade level, the packet may contain lessons from reading, language arts, mathematics, social studies, science, health, music, art, or other high school elective classes. Lessons in the packets are supported with online resources but can be completed without access to the Internet.

What are teachers and administrators doing on Commander (NTI) Days?

All schools will be open from 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. on Commander Days in order to assist students with their lessons. Central office will be open from 7:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. to provide additional assistance as needed. During these days, teachers and principals work on instructional planning, student assessment analysis, and school improvement plans. Throughout the day and after hours, staff will be available by telephone, email, or text messaging for any students who need assistance in completing their Commander Day lessons.

Will every snow day be treated as a Commander Day?

No, we will not count every snow day as a Commander Day. Washington County Schools has been approved to use up to ten Commander (NTI) Days during this school year.

How will I know which day is a Commander Day?

Commander Days will be announced during a one-call that is made to let families know that school has been cancelled for the day. Commander Days will also be announced on the district's Facebook and Twitter pages, the district's website, and local radio and television channels.

How will students submit their work from the Commander (NTI) Days?

Teachers will explain work submission expectations to their students. Work may be submitted when the student returns to school following the NTI day or the work may be uploaded to the teacher's online classroom.

What happens if my child misplaces the Commander Day lesson?

Commander Day lessons will be posted to the teacher's web page and online classroom.

What happens if my child cannot complete the lessons prior to returning to school?

If a student is unable to complete the lesson prior to returning to school, he/she will have additional time to make up the missing work. All Commander Day work will be due two days following the return to school (e.g., If Monday is a Commander Day and students return to school on Tuesday, the work will be due on Thursday). If a student fails to submit the Commander (NTI) Day work on the final make-up day, that student may be counted as absent for that Commander Day and/or receive a zero for the assignments.