

School Closings, Cancellations, Delayed Starts and Remote Learning Days

Remote Learning Days (Grades 6-12)

In the event that secondary students are in jeopardy of meeting the required state minimum number of instructional hours and:

- school must be canceled due to inclement weather or a mechanical breakdown; **OR**
- a modified school schedule must be implemented (i.e., state assessments schedule)

secondary teachers will be notified to execute a Remote Learning Day.

During a Remote Learning Day, when school has been canceled, all secondary staff (grades 6-12) with direct student contact or associated with student attendance will not physically report to work unless notified otherwise. However, all secondary staff (grades 6-12) must assign a lesson of reasonable length and duration to all students through the district's Learning Management System. This mode of instruction will amount to a regular instructional school day because students can access lessons provided by, and supported by, their assigned teachers. Additionally, students can continue their sequence of learning despite their inability to access facilities.

On a Remote Learning Day when school has been canceled, teachers will be available to students electronically to guide lessons, offer support, and answer questions. On such days, teachers will provide adequate time for students to complete their assigned tasks. It is understood that for situations that are out of the control of the student, Remote Learning Days will be treated with the same exceptions as an Excused Absence in regard to work assigned.

During a Remote Learning Day, when a modified school schedule must be implemented for specific grades, all secondary staff (grades 6-12) will physically report to work unless otherwise notified. However, all secondary staff with direct student contact or associated with student attendance must assign a lesson of reasonable length and duration to students not participating in the state assessment through the district's Learning Management System. This mode of instruction will amount to a regular instructional school day because students can access lessons provided by, and supported by, their assigned teachers. Additionally, students can continue their sequence of learning despite their inability to access facilities.

On a Remote Learning Day when a modified school schedule must be implemented, teachers who are not proctoring the state assessment will be available to students electronically to guide lessons, offer support, and answer questions. Teachers who are proctoring the state assessment will encourage students to communicate with them electronically. Teachers who are proctoring state assessments will check and respond to electronic email as soon as possible to ensure student success on the assignment. On such days, teachers will also provide adequate time for students to complete their assigned tasks. It is understood that for situations that are out of the control of the student, Remote Learning Days will be treated with the same exceptions as an Excused Absence in regard to work assigned.

On a Remote Learning Days, teachers will take attendance and monitor student participation through the Learning Management System. This must take place at a time designated by the teacher on the Remote Learning Day. Evidence of a student's attendance during and participation on a Remote Learning Day will be entered into the Student Information System.

To ensure all students have the ability to access lessons on a Remote Learning Day, as well as every other instructional day, the district will maintain a reasonable supply of internet hotspots to be used by students who can be verified to lack internet access in the place they residence.

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LEGAL REFS.: C.R.S. 22-1-112 (*school year and national holidays*)
C.R.S. 22-32-109 (1)(n) (*Board's duty to determine number of instructional/contact hours/days*)
C.R.S. 22-33-101 *et seq.* (*school attendance law*)
1 CCR 301-39, Rules 2254-R-2.06 (*Board may reduce teacher-pupil instructional/contact time; closings deemed by Board necessary for health, safety or welfare of pupils*)

CROSS REF.: IC/ICA, School Year/School Calendar

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