

Flexible Instructional Days (FID) - Frequently Asked Questions



The Charleroi Area School District was approved for [Flexible Instructional Days](#) (FIDs). FIDs may be used in place of a canceled school day caused by inclement weather or another unique situation preventing students from being on campus. On a FID, students at home will complete learning activities and assignments provided by their teachers. The District can use up to five (5) FIDs per school year.

What's the benefit of an FID?

Implementing an FID will not require additional make-up days. Make-up days could shorten the spring break or extend the school year. FIDs are considered a school day and count toward the number of instructional days/hours required under the State Board of Education regulations.

If the District calls for an FID, how will I know?

Students and parents/guardians will be informed of an FID through the District's notification systems in the same way that school closings and delays. Notifications will also be distributed via the "Sendit" messaging system and posted on the [Charleroi School District website](#) and social media.

How will I find assignments for my child?

When designing instruction for FIDs this school year, teachers are expected to provide the same instruction model as in the classroom.

- Teachers will send out a link to students through their online Google classroom platform listing the learning assignments, activities, and online resources.
- Parents and/or students should make teachers aware of the need for a paper-copy assignment version if online access is unavailable on the FID. When possible, notice will be provided in advance of an FID so that a teacher can provide paper copies of the assignments.

What is expected of my child during a FID?

- Check the teacher's Google Classroom site to access assignment information.
- Complete the assignments and instructional activities assigned by each teacher by the expected due date.
- Contact the teacher if there are questions or concerns.

Students will have a three-day window to finalize assignments given and worked on during the FID in case internet access is unavailable or more support is needed. This window will begin upon return from the FID.

What if I need technical assistance during the FID?

The student technology help desk will be available on our [District Website](#) via Google Forms during regular school hours on the FID.

How does student attendance work?

Students do not report to school on the FID. Students are expected to participate throughout the day in asynchronous lessons (if applicable) and complete the learning activities assigned. Attendance is determined by students checking in virtually with their assigned homeroom teacher. Their attendance

will be credited via their completion of the FID lesson and/or assignment. **Students who fail to complete their FID assignments will not receive credit for the work.** Parent/Guardian documentation of the reason for absence will be required.

What if my child is ill on the FID day and cannot complete the work?

Write an excuse for the absence as you would any other day they are ill and return it to school with the child. The student would be expected to make up the learning activities and assignments within three days of returning to school, just as if it were any other absence from school.

What if we lose power or internet access during the FID?

When possible, notice will be provided to students and parents in advance of the FID so they may download or receive paper copies of assignments. Arrangements will be made if a student loses power or internet access during the FID. Parents should notify the school about the issue via phone message or email. Students will be required to complete the assignments within three days upon return from the FID.

How can I contact a teacher or staff member during the FID?

All administrators, teachers, and professional staff members will be available via email during the FID. This includes special area teachers such as music, art, library, physical education, learning support, teachers in specialized programs, reading specialists, school counselors, nurses, speech therapists, interventionists, and principals, unless the individual is ill that day. Parents can access a [Charleroi Staff Directory](#)

What if my child needs help with a lesson/assignment on the FID? Will teachers be available to answer questions?

Yes, all school-based staff members will be available to answer questions on the FID via email or during google meet classrooms during normal school hours. The technology help desk will also be available for technical inquiries on the [District Website](#).

How long will my child have to complete FID lessons and/or assignments?

Students are expected to participate in asynchronous lessons and complete assignments and instructional activities as assigned by each teacher. Students/parents must contact the teacher if there are questions or concerns. Students will have a three-day window to finalize assignments given and worked on during the FID if internet access is unavailable or if more support is needed. This window will begin upon return from the FID.

What happens if my child fails to complete his/her assignment(s)?

Teachers will check FID assignment completion or may count the assignment as a graded assignment. If there are questions or concerns about the assignments, students/parents must contact the teacher during the FID. If a student does not complete the assignment(s), this may result in a grade of zero for the assignment.

My child has an IEP; will his/her lesson be modified appropriately?

The FID lesson will be designed for students with special needs utilizing their program modifications, specially designed

instruction, and supplementary aids and services identified in their individualized education plans. Upon returning from a FID day, teachers of students with special needs will meet with them to review the work submitted and check for completion and understanding. Any related services (Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Speech, etc.) scheduled during the FID will be rescheduled according to the student's individualized education plan frequency requirements.

Will after-school activities and athletics be canceled on the FID?

Generally, these will not be held when school is canceled due to inclement weather. Exceptions to this may be made by the administration if there is a drastic change for the better in the weather and road conditions. In this case, practices would NOT be mandatory, strictly voluntary, and only for Varsity teams.