

# **Frequently Asked Questions for Flexible Instructional Days [FID]**

## ***What is a Flexible Instructional Day?***

A Flexible Instructional Day can be utilized in cases when circumstances (e.g., a disease epidemic, a hazardous weather condition, a law enforcement emergency, damage to a school building, or a temporary circumstance rendering any portion of a school building unfit or unsafe for use) prevent the delivery of instruction in its customary manner or location.

FIDs are considered school days 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.

## ***How will I know if it's a Flexible Instructional Day?***

The community will be notified of a FID in the same manner that the District communicates delayed start times, cancellations and other emergency situations. Notifications will be sent through phone, email, posted on the District's website and social media platforms, and shared with local news outlets. The message will indicate that a FID is implemented.

## ***What happens on a Flexible Instructional Day?***

Students WILL NOT report to school that day. Assignment information will be made available electronically. Students should check with their teacher's / teachers' individual Canvas pages for assignment details. Assignments will be posted by 10AM, and teachers will be available for consultation during normal school hours.

Students will have three days following the FID to submit the assigned work. Student attendance will be noted by completion of assignments.

## ***What if a student does not have access to a computer and/or internet to access the lesson or complete activities?***

The teacher may provide students with an offline version of the learning activities and assignments prior to the FID. Or, the student can obtain the assignment in a hard copy version during the next regular school day. Either way, students will have three days to complete the required learning activities and assignments.

***What happens if a student does not complete the FID assignments?***

The student will lose the point value or grade for the assignment. This loss of points could negatively impact a student's marking period grade. Each teacher weights learning activities and assignments differently. It would be in the best interest of the student to complete the assignments within the three day window. Parents should contact their child's teacher if there are extenuating circumstances that prohibit your child from completing the assignment satisfactorily.

***What if a student is on a pre-arranged absence?***

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.

***May a student access the assignments or complete the online assignments from their Smartphone?***

Teacher websites can be accessed from a variety of tablets, Smart phones, laptops and desktop computers. The assignments may use a variety of websites and applications that may or may not work on different devices.

***What if I have a child with special needs?***

The FID lessons 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 return from a FID, teachers of students with special needs will meet with their students to review work submitted, checking for completion and understanding. If needed, students will have an additional three school days to complete assignments. Related services will be rescheduled according to the requirements of the students' individualized education plan.

In addition to your child's classroom and special education teacher, District special education personnel will be available to answer questions through email.

***Will there still be make-up dates built into the district calendar?***

Yes, make-up dates will continue to be built into the district calendar. An FID is an option that may be used in place of one or more cancelled school days or make-up days.