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Remote Instruction Days Information

The Southmoreland School District has once again approved the option of implementing Remote Instruction Days as necessary for the 2025-2026 school year. These days can be used as a traditional school day when in-person attendance is not possible due to weather conditions or other unforeseen circumstances. Students will engage in remote learning on these days, follow their designated remote learning schedules, and the day will count as it would during a typical instructional day. The schedules to follow for all buildings and grade levels in the Southmoreland School District are attached.

How will I know when the Southmoreland School District calls a Remote Instruction Day?

Students, families, and staff will be notified of Remote Instruction Days through the District's mass communication system and via the District website/social media channels. Updates will be broadcast on local news channels including WPXI, WTAE, and KDKA as is usual practice for school delays and cancellations. The day will be designated as a Remote Instruction Day on the phone notification as well as local news channels. Remote Instruction Days may be announced the morning of, the day before, or in advance of an inclement weather or other such event. As a result, students, families, and staff should always be ready to transition to a Remote Instruction Day, even with little notice. It is essential that students take their Chromebooks/iPads and materials home each night to ensure they are prepared for remote learning.

What does class look like on a Remote Instruction Day?

On Remote Instruction Days, students should log in remotely to their Google Classroom accounts using their school email. Students will follow the Remote Instruction Day schedule for their school to view lessons, complete assignments and communicate with their teachers during designated times. Instruction will continue to be asynchronous as has been the format for the past few years. Attendance is taken each day with students logging into their assigned online platforms during the school day. We ask all families to encourage their child's participation as this is an actual school day that helps us maintain consistency in our academic programming. For our

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youngest learners in Kindergarten, teachers will send home packets to reinforce foundational skills, and a short instructional video will be prepared for parents to share with their children on any household device. The district works to continually improve its remote learning processes, better personalize each child’s daily interactions, and respond to student, staff and community feedback to create the best experience possible.

Can students get help from teachers on a Remote Instruction Day?

Yes, teachers and staff will be available to assist students on Remote Instruction Days via school email and Google Meet. If students need technology assistance, they can contact their school office or contact the helpdesk at smithulas@southmoreland.net to receive support directly from the Instructional Technology (IT) department.

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REMOTE INSTRUCTION DAY STUDENT SCHEDULE**

Time	Assignment/Topic/Class
9:00am	Overview video posted; Classwork and assignments posted; Student attendance form due
9:00am-11:30am	Morning Classwork Period: Students review/receive planned instruction and complete assigned work (<i>Teachers are available for individual and/or whole group assistance</i>)
11:30am-12:30pm	Lunch
12:30pm-2:30pm	Individual Assistance Period: Individual Teacher Office Hours - - For individualized instruction, questions, and interventions via Google Meet (<i>Teachers are available for individual and/or small group assistance</i>)

****Teachers will be available through email and/or Google Meet/Zoom during the morning classwork period, as well as for individual assistance in the afternoon for questions, assistance, clarification, etc.****

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