ALTERNATIVE METHODS OF INSTRUCTION APPLICATION

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MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION — OFFICE OF QUALITY SCHOOLS

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ALTERNATIVE METHODS OF INSTRUCTION (AMI)

Section 171.033, RSMo, allows LEAs to apply to the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) to implement an approved plan for AMI in lieu of requiring the LEA to make up time lost due to exceptional or emergency circumstances.

Guidance for LEAs can be found here.

1. On days that the district implements the AMI plan, the LEA is (check all that apply): *

- [x] Reviewing and reinforcing previously taught skills
- [x] Introducing new concepts
- [ ] Other (Please describe)

Describe:

2.a. How will the LEA communicate the purpose and expectations of AMI to students and parents through multiple methods? (check all that apply) *

- [x] Student handbooks
- [ ] Website
- [ ] Brochure/flyer
- [x] Email
- [x] Parent/student meetings
- [ ] Other (Please describe)

Describe:

2.b. When will the LEA communicate the purpose of AMI days? (check all that apply) *

- [x] Early in the school year
- [ ] With reminders at least quarterly
- [ ] Other (Please describe)

Describe:

3. How will the LEA communicate the implementation of AMI days to students and parents? (check all that apply) *

- [x] Social media
- [x] Email
- [x] Phone call
- [x] Text
- [ ] Other (Please describe)

Describe:

4. On AMI days, the LEA will use the following types of materials and assignments to effectively facilitate teaching and support learning for the benefit of students (check all that apply): *

- [x] Textbooks
- [x] Library/classroom library books
- [x] Packets/worksheets
- [x] Manipulatives
- [x] Learning games
- [x] Teacher created materials
- [x] Other (Please describe)

Describe:

web-based materials

5a. On AMI days, attendance will be determined by the completion of lessons and activities in the following manner (check all that apply): *

- [x] Completion of lessons and activities turned in the **next day** of attendance
- [x] Electronic submission of lessons and activities on the AMI day or the **next day** of attendance
- [x] Log of electronic/web-based/app activity
- [x] Other (Please describe)

5b: LEA attendance determination for AMI.

Describe: *

Due dates for completed assignments may be extended beyond one da

6. The LEA provides instruction on AMI days using the following methods (check all that apply): *

- [x] Teacher's notes with instructions and examples
- [ ] Downloaded instructions to thumb drive/flash drive
- [x] Downloaded instructions to a device
- [x] Virtual instruction (Synchronous, Asynchronus)
- [x] Instruction provided through a learning management system
- [ ] Other (Please describe)

Describe:

7. The students are engaged in learning on AMI days using the following methods: *

- [x] Independent practice and application of previously taught concepts
- [x] App or web-based software to teach/reinforce concepts
- [x] Virtual instruction (Synchronous, Asynchronous)
- [x] Assigned reading, study, or activity to introduce new concepts
- [ ] Other (please describe)

Describe:

8. The LEA provides equitable access to instruction to all students. If electronic methods will be used, the LEA is providing students with (check all that apply): *

- [x] Chromebook
- [ ] iPad
- [ ] Other (please describe)

Describe:

9. How are students accessing the internet? (check all that apply) *

- [x] Parent provided connection
- [x] District provided connection (please describe what the LEA is providing)
- [ ] Other (please describe)

Describe: *

hot spots available to families with need

10. The LEA assures that the instructional plan for AMI days for students with disabilities is documented in each student's individualized education program (IEP) according to the guidance developed by DESE's Office of Special Education.

Guidance for implementing AMI for students with disabilities is available here. *

- [x] I confirm that our district's AMI Plan meets this requirement.

11. How will the LEA ensure that teachers and other certified personnel are available to communicate with students on AMI days? (check all that apply)

Note: If internet is not provided by the LEA, please check other and explain. *

- [x] Email
- [x] Platform (Seesaw™, Google™, etc)
- [x] Messaging/chat through learning management system
- [x] Messaging through other electronic means (Remind™, etc.)
- [ ] Other (please describe)

Describe:

AMI plan has been submitted and approved by local school board/sponsor.
Date approved: *

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