

Learning from Home: A Guide to Flexible Instruction Days (FID)

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Winter weather is officially here! To make sure our students don't lose momentum, our district will be utilizing **Flexible Instruction Days (FID)** when schools are closed due to inclement weather.

Here is everything you need to know to help your child have a successful day of learning from home.

How the Day Works

On a Flexible Instruction Day, (FID) students will follow a modified schedule to allow for both "live" instruction and independent work time.

- **Attendance:** Students must log in by **8:30AM** to be marked present.
- **Virtual Lessons:** Teachers will host live sessions via **Zoom**.
- **Independent Work:** The teachers will assign independent work to be completed during the day, and teachers will be available for extra help via email or Zoom.

The "FID Checklist"

To help your student stay on track, we recommend checking these three (3) things as soon as an FID is announced:

1. **Check the Device:** Ensure your child's laptop or tablet is fully charged.
2. **Find a Workspace:** Pick a quiet spot with minimal distractions.
3. **Log In Early:** Give yourself 5–10 minutes before the first session to troubleshoot any Wi-Fi or password hiccups.

Frequently Asked Questions

Question	Answer
How will I know if it's an FID?	You will receive an automated call, text, and email through our emergency notification system.
What if my internet goes out?	Don't panic! Please notify your child's teacher as soon as possible. Students can turn in work the next school day.
Will there be tech support?	Yes. Our librarian, Mrs. Haupt, will be available remotely at haupt@dvdsd.org

A Note of Encouragement

We know that "School at Home" days can be a juggle for families. Our goal is to keep kids engaged and safe. If you have any questions about specific assignments, please don't hesitate to email your child's teacher directly—they are here to help!

Stay warm, stay safe, and enjoy learning!

Thank you,

Jennifer Moriarty, Principal

Elizabeth McLane, Assistant Principal

Tips for a Smooth Day

- **The "Movement" Break:** Every hour, encourage your child to do 10 jumping jacks or a quick stretch to keep their energy up.
- **Communication is Key:** If a lesson is confusing or a link isn't working, send a quick email/message to the teacher right away rather than waiting until the end of the day.