

INCLEMENT WEATHER PLAN - ELEMENTARY

Given the challenges associated with daily device transportation at the elementary level, including potential misuse or damage, the following plan offers alternative solutions for unexpected events. For the first inclement weather day, school is canceled for both learners and educators with a make-up day already scheduled on the calendar. In the case of subsequent inclement weather days or unexpected closures, either devices will go home daily OR an alternative plan will be implemented at both the building and classroom levels. **If inclement weather is forecasted, ALL elementary learners will bring their devices home to prepare for online learning.**

This document is intended to maintain consistency and ensure that learning can continue effectively during unexpected disruptions. The plan provides detailed instructions for synchronous and asynchronous learning alternatives to support learners and educators under these circumstances.

INCLEMENT WEATHER LEARNING PLAN		UNEXPECTED ALTERNATIVE PLAN	
SYNCHRONOUS LEARNING		ASYNCHRONOUS LEARNING	
9:00 - 9:30	Morning Meeting •Connection on TEAMS	There will be no synchronous learning connection if learners have not been instructed to take home their device for a connection on TEAMS. Learners will complete the activities* that have been provided in a folder by their classroom teacher in case of an unexpected event. *Including specifics for learners on individualized plans.	
9:30 - 10:00	Academic Lesson •Connection on TEAMS		
10:00 - 10:30	Intervention Connection as needed •Connection on TEAMS through an individual invitation.		
EDUCATOR OFFICE HOURS			
10:00 - 11:30	Educator Office Hours	9:00 - 11:30	Educator Office Hours
Educators will be available through TEAMS, Seesaw, and Email to answer questions and provide clarification for learners.		Educators will be available through Seesaw and Email to answer questions and provide clarification for learners.	
ASYNCHRONOUS LEARNING			
20 minutes	Intervention/Enrichment		
Personalized	Special Services Goal Work		
20 minutes	Choice Reading		
20 minutes	DreamBox math lesson		
20 minutes	eReading lesson		
20 minutes	Specialist lesson		

Educator connection time prior to synchronous learning to allow for adjustments needed for staff members who are unable to attend, common messages, etc. Messaging about who needs to attend this meeting will be shared by the principal.

Cold Weather:

North Dakota winter weather can be very cold. Therefore, dress your children warmly during the winter months. Children must wear a winter jacket, snowpants, mittens or gloves, boots, and a winter hat. Learners must be dressed warmly enough to be comfortable. Taking time to label your child's clothing articles will help them be identified and returned if they are misplaced. *If you are unable to provide winter gear for your child, contact the school and we will do our best to plan for them.

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Except in the case of very severe weather, learners will spend 20-30 minutes outside during the noon recess. Guidelines used to judge whether learners will go outside for noon recess are dependent upon the temperature and the wind chill as primary factors. The building administrator may make the decision to have elementary learners in grades K- 5 stay inside before school and/or during recess once the wind chill reaches -5° F. All learners will stay inside before school and/or during recess when the wind chill reaches -15° F. Principals make this determination using the National Weather Service <http://forecast.weather.gov> According to this index, learners and staff members are safe going outside until the wind chill reaches -15° F. The index chart the district uses to make these decisions is shown below.

If learners are brought indoors before school starts, they will wait in a designated area for school to begin. Do not bring learners to the school before they can enter the building.

The educational team will work to teach and ensure that our learners are properly dressed when going outside in extreme weather. Learners may be provided available clothing, and/or the family may be contacted to change uncomfortably wet or insufficient clothing. Learners may be delayed from the typical dismissal time if they are not properly dressed.

Wind (mph)	Temperature (Fahrenheit)																
	35°	30°	25°	20°	15°	10°	5°	0°	-5°	-10°	-15°	-20°	-25°	-30°	-35°	-40°	-45°
0	35	30	25	20	15	10	5	0	-5	-10	-15	-20	-25	-30	-35	-40	-45
5	31	25	19	13	7	-1	-5	-11	-16	-22	-28	-34	-40	-46	-52	-57	-72
10	27	21	15	9	3	-4	-10	-16	-22	-28	-35	-41	-47	-53	-59	-66	-77
15	25	19	13	6	0	-7	-13	-19	-26	-33	-39	-45	-51	-58	-64	-71	-81
20	24	17	11	4	-2	-9	-15	-22	-29	-35	-41	-47	-55	-61	-68	-74	-84
25	23	16	9	3	-4	-11	-17	-24	-31	-37	-44	-51	-58	-64	-71	-78	-87
30	22	15	8	1	-5	-12	-19	-26	-33	-39	-46	-53	-60	-67	-73	-80	-89
35	21	14	7	0	-7	-14	-21	-28	-34	-41	-48	-55	-62	-69	-76	-82	-91
40	20	13	6	-1	-8	-15	-22	-29	-36	-43	-50	-57	-64	-71	-78	-84	-93
45	19	12	5	-2	-9	-16	-23	-30	-37	-44	-51	-58	-65	-72	-79	-86	-93
50	19	12	4	-3	-10	-17	-24	-31	-38	-45	-52	-60	-67	-74	-81	-89	-95
55	18	11	4	-3	-11	-18	-25	-32	-39	-46	-54	-61	-68	-75	-82	-89	-97
60	17	10	3	-4	-11	-19	-26	-33	-40	-48	-55	-62	-69	-76	-84	-91	-98

 Increasing Danger (Frostbite in 30 min.)
 Heightened Danger (Frostbite in 10 min.)
 Great Danger (Frostbite in 5 min.)

Regarding weather emergencies, please see our district policy: <https://www.west-fargo.k12.nd.us/about-us/administrative-policy/acaap-emergency-closings>

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