Easton Area School District
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Flexible Instructional Days

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

As colder weather approaches and we prepare for winter, we want to provide you with information about instructional expectations on an inclement-weather day. You may be aware that the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) approved Flexible Instructional Days (FID) as an instructional option for a day that would previously have been a school closure due to inclement weather or an emergency.

The option to use a Flexible Instructional Day rather than close schools gives us time and latitude in deciding the safest course of action on a given day. Please know that the decision to use a FID versus a traditional snow day will be made based on the conditions predicted. If it is determined that a FID will be utilized, it is important to note that the day is considered an official school day; therefore, attendance **will** be taken.

Frequently Asked Questions

How will we be notified if a day will be considered a "snow day" or a Flexible Instruction Day (FID)?

School Closures/FID decisions will be made public via all traditional media outlets (WFMZ, Channel 69 news, District website, and District School Messenger notifications via call and email)

What will be communicated on the messaging outlets for a snow day vs. a Flexible Instruction Day (FID)?

If the day is considered a FID, the message will state that we will be observing a flexible Instructional Day and that remote *attendance is required.*

If the day is being considered a "snow day," the message will state that schools will be closed due to inclement weather.

Will transportation be provided to our non-public partners on a FID day or an Inclement weather day?

Transportation services **will not** be provided, as the safety of our students, staff, and community is a top priority, and the road conditions have been deemed potentially unsafe.

What does a snow day vs. a Flexible Instruction Day (FID) mean for the school calendar?

Should a traditional snow day be deemed necessary, no instruction will occur that day. Instead, a make-up day may be added to the end of the calendar. If a FID is utilized, there will be no change to the academic calendar.

How will student attendance be taken on a Flexible Instruction Day (FID)?

Daily attendance monitoring and recording are extremely important. Attendance will be taken by the student's participation in the scheduled Zoom or Google Meet sessions. Students who do not attend the planned virtual sessions will be marked absent. (A).

What schedule should our students expect on a Flexible Instruction Day (FID)?

Elementary

8:45-11:55 Synchronous instruction via Google Meet
11:55-3:25 Asynchronous Learning via Seesaw or Schoology.
Specific schedules will be provided by your building Principal and Teachers

Middle School

7:55-11:05 Synchronous instruction via Google Meet
11:05-2:50 Asynchronous Learning via Schoology
Specific schedules will be provided by your Building Principal and Teachers.

High School

7:20-10:30 Synchronous instruction via Google Meet
10:30-2:20 Asynchronous Learning via Schoology
Specific schedules will be provided by your Building Principal and Teachers.

Easton Cyber Academy

Students will follow a regular schedule.
Teachers will share Google Meet or Zoom availability.

What if a student does not have access to their district device or internet on a Flexible Instruction Day (FID)? All students enrolled in the Easton Area School District (EASD) have been provided with a district device for educational use.

- Grades K-2: Students in kindergarten through second grade will be instructed to bring their district devices home when a Flexible Instruction Day is anticipated.

- Grades 3-12: Students in grades three through twelve already transport their district devices home on a daily basis and will therefore have access to the necessary technology on Flexible Instruction Days.

Internet Access and Work Completion:

Should your household lack reliable internet access, we kindly request that you contact your student's school or the appropriate grade-level office.

Please be assured that any student without internet access on a Flexible Instruction Day will be given a reasonable opportunity to complete and submit assigned work upon their return to school or the restoration of internet access.

What if a student scheduled a pre-approved absence on a FID day?

The student will 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.

Whom should I contact if I have additional questions?

Please don't hesitate to contact your student's teacher(s) or Building Principal if you have additional questions.

Sincerely,

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