

REMOTE SNOW (Inclement Weather) DAY PLAN

The school board approved a plan to use remote learning for some snow days. Following are reasons for the decision and how the plan will work.

Why do this?

- The state has granted us the ability to do remote learning on snow days.
- Learning remotely on a snow day will be more effective than learning made up at the end of the school year.
- Remote snow days will prepare students to be successful online learners, whether as a high school student taking NCC courses, in college, or in the workforce.
- Remote snow days will prepare students to work from home (in the world of work).
- It increases the likelihood of ending school as scheduled, ending potential conflicts with family and Memorial Day weekend.
- Remote snow days will help develop student independence, self-motivation, etc.

When would we use a remote snow day?

- When we can plan for it. For example, when it's Monday and a storm is predicted on Thursday.
- Remote snow days will not be done on consecutive days. For example, if we are out of school two days in a row for a snow storm, only the first day could be used as a remote snow day.

What would a remote snow day look like?

- iPads would go home in grades K-12 the day before. Work for students may look differently depending on the content or grade level.
 - Grade PK: Packets will be sent home.
 - Grades K-12: iPads will go home and work will be in Google Classroom
- An internet connection will NOT be necessary. Work will be completed on the student's iPad, allowing them to work offline.
- Staff will be readily available to students from 8:30 to 3:30, although a lower elementary teacher may need to be more available in the evening as parents of small children work during the day. Teacher hours will be communicated with families.
- Teachers will communicate their office hours with students, including time for live Google Meets.
- Principals will email parents when a remote snow day may occur.
- The Superintendent will remind parents of a remote snow day in the school-closing message.
- If school isn't cancelled due to weather we would have a regular day of school.

How many snow days may we do remotely?

- The school board approved the use of up to **3 remote snow days**. The superintendent has the discretion as to when a remote snow day would be used. Additional days could be used with school board approval.

Student Expectations

- Submit required work as assigned by the beginning of the next class period when you return to school. For example, remote learning work on Thursday is due at the beginning of the period on Friday.
- Incomplete, unfinished or late work **MAY** result in an unexcused absence.
- Contact teachers with any questions regarding their work for the day.

Parent Expectations:

- Call school the morning of the snow day and leave a message if your child is sick.
- Communicate with your child that they are expected to do school work on the snow day.

On a remote snow day student work should be the priority. Students should not opt to work during the day rather than completing their schoolwork.

We understand every family's situation is unique. Many parents still work when students have a snow day and are not necessarily home to help their child with school work. We will keep this in mind as work is planned. Some younger students may attend daycare on a snow day, so work could be done at daycare rather than at home. We also understand students may need to help move snow. There isn't an expectation when students do their work, just that it is done for the next day, providing students with the flexibility as to when they do it. Students, however, should understand teachers are not available all hours of the day so they should plan accordingly.