



Atkins ABC
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Parent/Guardian of Atkins ABC students,

Act 862/ Snow Day Policy:

Historically, Atkins schools have missed minimal days due to inclement weather. However, those days missed have typically been made up at the end of the school year. We are excited to announce that Atkins School District was granted 5 alternative methods of instruction days (AMI) for the 2017-2018 school year per Act 862. This will allow us to have a plan in place to be able to count the first 5 days as school days in the event of a school closing.

“Act 862 of 2017 allows a public school district and open-enrollment charter school to develop a plan for alternative methods of instruction to be used on days when the superintendent closes schools due to exceptional or emergency circumstances. As stated in the legislation, the Commissioner of Education may grant up to the equivalent of ten (10) student attendance days for public school districts that have an alternative instruction plan approved by the Commissioner of Education for the use of alternative methods of instruction, including without limitation virtual learning, on days when the public school district is closed due to exceptional or emergency circumstances such as: a contagious disease outbreak, inclement weather or other acts of God, or a utility outage.”

On days of inclement weather Atkins ABC students are to practice at home with their parents the following resources:

- The attached alphabet phonics chart/song, the children know the chants, let them teach them to you.
- Prior to inclement weather you may visit our Atkins ABC parent center and borrow a couple of books to read to your child during your snow day.
- Have them identify numbers and letters around the house, whether they be on a clock, the TV guide, on food packages in the home, etc...
- Visit a couple of the websites we employ for learning at ABC:
 - www.Vimeo.com-frog street press color songs
 - www.Youtube.com-“The learning Station” songs and activities
 - PBSkids.org-for online activities and educational programming

We are excited to be able to provide this opportunity to the students. Keep this paper handy for reference on days of inclement weather. This notice will also be posted under forms on our Atkins ABC website at **abc.atkinsschools.org**. If you have any questions, you may contact your child’s teacher or Ms. Stacy at 479-641-2364.

Thank you, and have a great day.

Staff Directory to contact teachers on AMI days:

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All staff will be available to respond to emails on AMI days between 8:00am and 12:00pm.

On AMI days the Atkins ABC facebook page will be updated with the latest information as it becomes available.