

**HERMITAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**2017-2018 Alternative Method of Instruction (AMI) Plan**

**Frequently Asked Questions and Answers**

**1. What is AMI????**

Alternative Method of Instruction (AMI) plans are the result of Act 862 of 2017, which was passed by the Arkansas Legislature. This law allows schools to submit plans to the Arkansas Department of Education for use in cases of emergency or exceptional circumstances, including weather, illness outbreak, or utility outages. Once approval is granted, school districts can call a missed day of school an AMI day if the plan is followed and the school day does not have to be made up. The AMI plan does require students to be engaged in some type of learning.

**2. What does the plan for students in Hermitage involve?**

Students in K-2 will receive a learning packet with instructions and resources needed to complete the packet for AMI days. The packet must be completed and returned to school by the end of the 3<sup>rd</sup> day following an AMI day. The completed packet for each AMI day that is turned in to the teacher will be used to verify student attendance. Work will be graded and recorded as classwork. Students not turning in the completed work will receive an unexcused absence and a "0" on the assignments.

Students in grades 3- 12 will receive their assignments via Google classroom or another online system used by the teacher by 9:00 AM on an AMI day. Students know how to access Google classroom with their district access credentials. Students are encouraged to submit their work when complete. For those students that do not have access to Google classroom from home, paper copies of the work will be provided to the students when they return to school. All work must be completed and returned to school by the end of the 3<sup>rd</sup> day following an AMI day. The completed packet for each AMI day that is turned in to the teacher will be used to verify student attendance. Work will be graded and recorded as classwork. Students not turning in the completed work will receive an unexcused absence and a "0" on the assignments.

Students in grades 9 – 12 who take classes via distance learning (SEACBEC or VIRTUAL ARKANSAS) should log in to this platform for information from their facilitators about their learning requirements.

AMI days do not apply to our Pre-K students.

**3. Who can I contact if I have questions about an AMI day?**

On an AMI day, the district office and each school office will be open from 8:30 AM – 3:00 PM.

Contact numbers are:

District – (870) 463-2246,

Elementary School – (870) 463-8500, and

High School – (870) 463-2235.

Messages may also be sent through the Hermitage School Information Page on Facebook or to your child's teacher via email. (teachersfirstname.teacherslastname@hermitageschools.org)