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ALTERNATE METHOD OF INSTRUCTION - AMI Days

What is “AMI”?

This year the Dierks School District has received approval from the State to use “Alternate Methods of Instruction” (AMI) on days where we must cancel school. Act 862 of 2017 allows a school district to develop a plan for alternative methods of instruction to be used on days when the superintendent closes school due to exceptional or emergency circumstances. We will refer to AMI Days when we talk about days missed due to inclement weather or emergency this year, and we will take advantage of using this new way of teaching and learning on these days.

When will AMI Days be used?

The first five (5) days that school is not in session due to inclement weather or emergencies will be designated as AMI days. The school messaging system, radio stations (99.5 & 92.1), and school social media will properly notify of such closings.

How/when will the AMI assignments be given to students?

Students will be given the AMI assignments upon returning to school.

*Please do not worry if students do not have assignments before an AMI day. They will receive the assignments when they return to school, and the assignments will be due on the fourth day back.

Example: Freezing rain coats the roads overnight on a Sunday night, making roads treacherous and unsafe for driving early Monday morning. We cancel school early Monday morning. Teachers will give the AMI assignments when students come back to school Tuesday morning. The work will be due on Friday.

When will the AMI assignments be due?

The AMI assignments will be due on the fourth day back from the AMI day.

What material will be covered on the AMI assignments?

The AMI assignments will be based on material that has been previously covered in the students’ classes. The assignments will not contain any new subject matter. These assignments will reflect learning standards that are essential grade-level learning for each student.

What if my student needs help with the AMI assignments?

Teachers will be available to help with AMI assignments. Parents and/or students can pose questions to their teacher just like they would on any other classroom assignment.

What is the penalty for not completing the AMI assignments?

Teachers are required to assess and record student AMI work. Students who fail to complete the AMI assignments will not receive credit for the assignments, and the student will be counted as unexcused for the AMI day attendance.

