



LEWIS COUNTY MIDDLE SCHOOL



"Building a Community of Lifetime Learners"

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Dear Lewis County Schools Families:

You may have read in the news or heard from your child's school that Lewis County Schools have been approved for "Non-Traditional Instruction" days for the 2018-2019 school year. The "Non-Traditional Instruction" (NTI) day plan will allow for the opportunity for all Lewis County students to continue meaningful learning at home on bad weather or emergency days when conditions prevent schools from being in session. The NTI days will limit the interruption of learning that occurs due to school closings.

Additionally, NTI days are not made up at the end of the school year and should prevent the school year from ending in June as it did last school year.

What is Non-Traditional Instruction Day?

Non-Traditional Instruction simply means that students will continue with assignments at home or in the daycare setting on the days that schools are not open due to weather or an emergency. Students will continue assignments through "snow day" packets or through on-line learning lessons. These lessons may teach new content or offer skill reinforcement, and enrichment for lessons previously taught.

The Kentucky Department of Education has approved up to 10 NTI days for this school year, however, this does not mean that all 10 days will be used but the number of days used will depend on the weather and how many days that school has to be called off.

How will NTI days work?

- Students with internet access may be able to complete the work electronically from home or another location using educational on-line programs that students are accustomed to using at school. Schools may also send snow day instruction "Packets" prior to the first NTI day.
- You will receive specific instructions for the NTI days from your child's school prior to the first NTI day.
- All "school cancelled" days may not be made an NTI day. Listen carefully to the District's "One Call" messages, radio and television and social media regarding when school is cancelled. You will be told when a day is an NTI day and on these days, students should follow the NTI plan for their school.
- As weather permits, teachers and staff will report to work and will be available on NTI days to assist students or parents by phone, skype, face time or email during the NTI days.

What do Families need to do now?

1. Watch for the information for the NTI days from your child's school.
2. Talk with your child about the expectations of completion of his or her assignments and make any necessary arrangements for allowing for internet access or informing your child's daycare of the NTI plan.
3. Ask questions if you have any concerns regarding the NTI plan for your child's school.

We appreciate your partnership and help in ensuring that instruction continues without interruption on days that we may have to cancel school. If you have any questions, please talk with your child's principal or see the attached informational sheet.

Sincerely,

Principal