



## **Instruction During Inclement Weather Days**

With the ongoing pandemic, the 2020-21 school year has presented itself with a variety of unique situations. Since the school year began, we have experienced two complete school closures, with our most recent closure lasting for almost six (6) weeks. Because the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) gave the avenue to allow these closures through Act 126, we have been able to move to remote learning for long periods of time due to the COVID-19 pandemic. In addition, with the passage of Act 64 of 2019, PDE enabled Fannett-Metal School District (FMSD) the opportunity to make application and develop a Flexible Instructional Day (FID) program. With submitting our application to PDE, FMSD applied for five (5) FIDs and was subsequently approved to use FID as an alternative to closing school during inclement weather. The requirement for a FID program is to deliver instruction online, offline, or a combination of the two.

### **Q: When would Flexible Instructional Day (FID) be used?**

A: The District will plan in advance for FIDs when a forecasted weather event or similar notice is made available. Understand, we still have one (1) makeup day left in the 2020-21 school calendar and we will reserve this snow makeup day for a time of unexpected weather occurrence or if a storm surprises us.

### **Q: What does a Flexible Instructional Day (FID) mean for my child and what would it look like?**

A: On a Flexible Instructional Day (FID), iPads and computers will be sent home with your child. Students may complete either a packet of pre-planned lessons that was sent home and/or interact with their teachers while at home through Schoology, TEAMS, email, or by phone. Any hardcopy activities completed at home during the closure must accompany your child when we return to school. Students would follow the schedule below:

<b>Building Level</b>	<b>Time on TEAMS/remote learning</b>	<b>Instruction will look like . . .</b>
Elementary (K-5)	From 9:00—11:00 AM	Elementary teachers will perform live guided instruction from 9:00—11:00 AM. During this time, teachers will be instructing each of their classes in the core content areas (i.e., Math, ELA, Science/Social Studies) based on the FID packet sent home with students. Teachers will allow students to begin independent practice during this time. In the afternoon, students should complete any assignments not completed from the morning and work on educational apps as assigned by their teacher(s). In addition, students should complete one special (Art, Music, Library, or Gym) activity; this is based on the 6-day cycle and will be available on the specialist's Schoology page. Teachers will be available throughout the day via school email.
Secondary (6-12)	Minimum of 20-25 minutes at the beginning of each class period.	Secondary teachers will perform live guided instruction at the beginning of each class period. Teachers will allow for students to complete independent practice/work during the remaining class period. The students schedule during the FID would follow their regular daily schedule.

**Note:** In the event a student is unable to attend a remote session, the sessions will be recorded and placed on Schoology. In addition, if a teacher is unable to connect due to the inclement weather, either the principal or the teacher will notify the students in the class.

### **Q: How will attendance be taken during the Flexible Instructional Day (FID)?**

A: Student absences during the day will be accounted for in the same manner as done during our recent closures.

### **Q: What if my child is struggling with an assignment during the Flexible Instructional Day (FID)?**

A: Each assignment a teacher distributes will be assessed. If your child has difficulty completing an assignment during the FID, please reach out to his/her teacher.

### **Q: How will families know when the district will use a Flexible Instructional Day (FID)?**

A: Mr. Burkett, the superintendent, will use the phone message system to make an announcement to families regarding the use of a Flexible Instructional Day (FID).