

Non-Traditional School Day Informational Sheet



Non-Traditional Instruction

In response to the large number of snow days in recent years, Harlan County was granted a Non-Traditional Instruction (NTI) day waiver. This very detailed plan outlines how instruction will be delivered for ALL students during a day when school is not open due to unforeseen circumstances (i.e., snow days). The plan gives teachers the opportunity to refine their online presence for content delivery and provides hard copy/paper content for those students that may not have access to technology or network resources. The planned result is less loss of instruction time and the opportunity for the enhancement of existing content knowledge.

Delivery:

Both digital and hard-copy/paper content will be available for students on Non-Traditional School Days. All lessons will be placed in a packet and sent home the first week of December. Copies of all lessons will also be available on the district NTI web-page.

Preparation:

Teachers have already completed ten days of project based lessons for all students. All Elementary lessons are multi-disciplinary lessons and are the same for all schools across the district. High school level lessons are course specific and may include ACT/EOC prep type activities.

When:

NTI days will NOT necessarily be enacted on the first day school is cancelled for snow. Rather, Harlan County will utilize NTI on days that are not deemed to be extremely hazardous.

Content:

Instructions for accessing digital content will be provided throughout the school year and on the District website via our NTI page.

Communications:

An automated call will be made to all students and staff announcing each time a Non-Traditional School Day is called. Announcements will also be made on the local radio and district Facebook page.

Availability:

Teachers are required to maintain open lines of communication with parents from 8:00 AM until 3:00 PM on each NTI Day. Teachers must be available via internet (e-mail, course-site/blackboard chat) AND by phone. All teachers shall submit a communication log immediately following each NTI day.

Accountability:

Students will be required to complete all tasks assigned during an NTI day. Up to five days of extended time for the submission of activities will be allowed for each NTI day. This extended time will ensure that all students have ample time and guidance to complete NTI activities.

Questions?

Contact your child's teacher or school principal. You can also contact: Brent Roark, Assistant Superintendent at 606.573.4330.