

Flexible Instructional Day (FID)

The Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) approved the use of Flexible Instructional Days (FID) as an alternate form of instruction in place of a day otherwise cancelled due to inclement weather or building emergency. A FID meets PDE requirements for compulsory instructional hours and will count as a full day of school. On a FID, students will complete learning assignments provided by their teachers, at home, on the day that otherwise would have been cancelled. Students will receive assignments for each subject that would have originally taken place during the regular school day. Students should not physically report to school on a FID.

NOTE: There may still be instances when the District will close for a weather event and not use an FID.

Notification: The District will utilize our Blackboard Connect mass communication system to contact parents, students, and staff prior to instituting a FID. The District's website and Facebook pages will also display the information. Local news stations will be contacted to display the notices on television and on their websites.

Assignments: Prior to a FID, teachers will provide students with an explanation of the assignments and how to access the assignments that will need to be completed during the FID. Students are expected to complete assignments for all classes that would normally meet on the FID as this would count as a regular school day. Younger students or students with accommodations may require support from an adult.

Access: Students will access activities for that typical school day through their teachers' Google Classroom (grades Pre- K -12). A paper copy or information downloaded to a device for offline access may also be provided prior to a FID or if a student does not have Internet access. Online and offline options will be provided in a format that the student has experienced during the school year.

Work Completion and Attendance: Student attendance will be determined by verification and completion of the FID lesson and/or assignment. Students should not physically report to school on a FID. Teachers will check FID assignments completion or may count the assignment as a graded assignment. Any student who fails to complete their FID assignments will be marked as absent and may receive a zero on any graded assignment that was not submitted.

Recognizing that students may experience a lack of Internet connection or face other circumstances on a day of inclement weather, students may complete the assignment upon return to school the next day. Teachers may allow up to three days for completion of assignments upon the student's return to school.

Teacher and Staff Availability: Your child's teacher(s) will be available for assistance via email from 9 am – 12:30 pm and 1 pm - 3 pm during the FID and/or via their Google Classroom. Your school's principal, counselor and nurse will also be available on an FID via email.

The District believes that using a FID will allow students and teachers to continue the learning process while responding to a weather/emergency closure in an efficient manner. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact your school principal.

FAQ for Flexible Instructional Day (FID)

What is a Flexible Instruction Day (FID)?

According to the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) the use of Flexible Instructional Days (FIDs) is an alternate form of instruction in place of a regular school day otherwise cancelled due to inclement weather, building emergency, law enforcement emergency, inoperability of school buses/school facilities, or other event rendering school temporarily unsafe. Western Wayne's FID plan has been approved by PDE.

On a FID, students should not physically report to school. Students will complete learning assignments provided by the teacher while at home on the day that otherwise would have been cancelled. Students will receive assignments for each subject that would have originally taken place during a regular school day. *FIDs will be reported as a full day of school for the purpose of required instructional hours.

How will parents and students find the FID learning activities and assignments?

Classroom teachers will post the learning assignments, activities, and online resources required for the day on their Google Classroom webpage. Parents and/or students should make teachers aware of a need for a paper-copy version of the assignment if Wi Fi will not be available on the FID. A paper-copy version of the assignment will be provided to the student.

Students will log into their Google Classroom accounts and access their teacher's webpage to find the lessons/assignments assigned for the day. Students will complete and submit the assignments for each class via Google Classroom unless the student was given a hard copy or offline version of the assignment in advance. The offline/hard copy must be completed and given to the teacher immediately upon return to school.

What if a student does not have access to the Internet to access the lesson or complete activities?

The teacher may provide students with paper copies or an offline version of the learning activities and assignments prior to the FID. Also recognizing that students may experience a lack of Internet connection or face other circumstances on a day of inclement weather, students may complete the assignment upon return to school the next day. Teachers may allow up to three days for completion of assignments upon the student's return to school.

Will elementary students have assignments and activities for their special classes such as music?

Students will be expected to complete lessons for classes that are typically scheduled for that day to include specials in physical education, health, art, music, library, and counseling.

What happens if a student does not complete the FID assignments?

Student attendance will be determined by verification and completion of the FID lesson and/or assignment. Teachers will check FID assignment completion and/or may count the assignment as a graded assignment. Any student who fails to complete their FID assignments will be marked as absent and may receive a zero on any graded assignment that was not submitted. This loss of points may negatively impact a student's marking period grade.

*Students will be marked absent for the FID day if work is not completed.

What if a student is on a pre-arranged absence?

The student would be expected to make up the learning activities and assignments upon their return to school just as if it were any other absence.

How is a student expected to complete the activities if they go to day care when school is cancelled?

If the student cannot access the internet at their day care or access learning activities/assignments to complete on the FID, students may complete the assignments upon return to school the next day. Teachers may allow up to three days for completion of assignments upon the student's return to school.

How much time is my student expected to take to complete the assignments?

Teachers have designed learning activities and assignments that are equivalent to time spent on a similar activity on a regularly scheduled class period. Students working independently on an assignment will likely take less time to complete the assignment compared to a large group setting. Teachers will make every effort to assign an approximate time to each activity or assignment.

What if there is only one computer in the house but multiple students?

Students may need to share resources in the home or other locations. Some students may want to work on offline options while others complete online assignments. Students would be expected to use the district-assigned laptop. All students can request an offline version of the learning activities and assignments prior to the scheduled FID or on the first day after students return to school.

May a student access the assignments or complete the online assignments from their Smart phone?

Teachers' Google Classrooms can be accessed from a variety of tablets, Smart phones, laptops, and desktop computers. The assignments may use a variety of websites and applications that may or may not work from a variety of devices.