

MOUNTAIN HOME PUBLIC SCHOOLS



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Parents/Guardians:

The Arkansas Department of Education has approved Mountain Home Public Schools' application for 4 Alternative Methods of Instruction (AMI) Days during the 2017-18 school year. These days are in addition to the two waiver days previously approved by the State Board of Education. If inclement weather or another type of emergency circumstance occurs, causing school to be cancelled, MHPS students may be given the opportunity to work from home on AMI Day assignments rather than making up a day later in the school year.

Teachers will create AMI day assignments for their students. There may be digital and paper components to these assignments, and they will be labeled by specific AMI day so students know which work to complete on which day.

AMI Day Example Scenario: *If an AMI day is needed due to snow on a Tuesday in December, the district superintendent will notify parents that school will not be in session but that an AMI day will be used and that students should complete their assigned work labeled "Day 1." If the snow also prevents students from attending school on Wednesday, the superintendent will notify parents that students should complete the work labeled "Day 2" on Wednesday.*

Student attendance on the AMI Day will be determined by his/her completion of the assigned day's work. In most cases, teachers will be available by email throughout the AMI day to answer student or parent questions.

District administration will ultimately decide if a cancelled school day will work as an AMI day. For instance, if a widespread illness is the reason for cancellation, district administration will decide if students would benefit from an AMI day or if a traditional make-up day should be used.

If the district uses any AMI days this year, we plan to conduct a parent survey to collect feedback about the effectiveness of the days. These results will help us continue to improve the educational experience of our students. Please contact your child's principal if you have questions about this process. Thank you, as always, for your support of our district's commitment to excellence in education - every student, every time.

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