



NORTH IOWA COMMUNITY SCHOOL

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North Iowa Community Schools Flexible Learning Day Frequently Asked Questions

What is a "Flexible Learning Day"?

A flexible learning day is used to improve learning during a school day that has been cancelled due to inclement weather. A flexible learning day means that students will complete learning activities and assignments provided by the teacher at home. Students will receive learning activities and assignments for each subject that would have originally taken place during a regular school day.

Why is North Iowa offering "Flexible Learning Days"?

Iowa winters are unpredictable and often interrupt learning. Flexible Learning Days allow students to continue learning, even on snow days. Flex Days also allow students to engage in 21st century learning and work opportunities, taking their learning opportunities beyond the classroom. In many fields, working from home full- or part-time is now an option, and we are providing this opportunity to our students through Flexible Learning Days.

How can parents and students access Flexible Learning Day Assignments?

Elementary Students - Paper copy flexible learning day assignments will be in their take home folders.

Middle School Students - Google Classroom

- Each course will have a Flex Day assignment posted in the Google Classroom.

High School Students - Google Classroom

- Assignment will be posted by 9am.

Will every snow day be a "Flexible Learning Day"?

No, for the 2021-2022 school year, we are planning two flexible learning days. We will not have two flexible learning days in a row. **The first potential Flexible Learning Day will be January 10.**

How will we be notified that a "snow day" is a "Flexible Learning Day"?

The school will communicate to all parents and staff through the Alert System, district website, and radio. The announcement will include the words "Flexible Learning Day."

What about two-hour late starts and when school closes early? Will those days also be a "Flexible Learning Day"?

No, in the event of two hour late starts and early dismissals, a flexible learning day will not be expected.

What about preschoolers and a "Flexible Learning Day"?

There are no expectations for preschoolers to complete activities on a flexible learning day.



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What happens if a student does not complete the "Flexible Learning Day" assignments?

Students will have the flexible learning day, plus one additional day, to complete assignments. For example, if a Flexible Learning Day falls on a Tuesday, all assignments would be expected to be turned into their teacher by Thursday. Students are expected to complete assigned work in a timely manner. Parents should contact their child's teacher if there are extenuating circumstances that prohibit a child from completing the assignment satisfactorily.

What if a 5-12 student does not have access to a computer and/or internet to access the lesson or complete activities?

Teachers will post flexible learning day assignments prior to the flexible learning day happening. Students can get print copies of the assignment before the flexible learning day or access the assignment online during the next regular school day. Either way, students will have 1 additional day to complete the required learning activities and assignments.

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

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

How is a student expected to complete the activities if they go to daycare when there is a "Flexible Learning Day"?

All elementary students will have printed flexible learning day assignments in their take-home folders. These assignments can be completed at daycare or at home with families. If assignments aren't completed on the flexible learning day, students have 1 additional day to complete the required learning activities and assignments.

Will the school building be closed on a "Flexible Learning Day" to students as it is on a regular snow day?

Yes. The school district buildings will be closed to students and activities on a "Flexible Learning Day."

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 in grades 5-12 will be expected to use the district-assigned laptop, and the public library is also an option for in-town students who are able to get there safely. Elementary students will have paper copy activities to complete. These will be placed in student folders in January.

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Will there still be make-up dates built into the district calendar?

Yes, make-up dates will continue to be added to the end of the district calendar. A flexible learning day is an option that may be used in place of up to two cancelled school days or make-up days.

Other questions?

If there are other questions, please don't hesitate to ask, and we can add them to the frequently asked questions list.