

North Iowa Community Schools Flexible Learning Day Frequently Asked Questions

What is a "Flexible Learning Day"?

A flexible learning day is used to continue student learning in a remote format. Students will be given assignments that will be in succession with the rest of the in-person taking place at school. .

Why is North Iowa offering "Flexible Learning Days"?

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

- Assignments will be posted by 9:00 am.

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

No. Flexible Learning days are scheduled for **December 9, February 17, March 10, and April 7**. ALL snow days will be school cancellations and no work will be expected to be completed.

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.

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

Students will have a flexible learning day, plus one additional day, to complete assignments. Flexible Learning Days fall on Mondays, all assignments would be expected to be turned into their teacher by Wednesday. 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?

Students can get print copies of the assignment and 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?

No. Teachers will be in the building during most Flex Days. Activities practices and events will take place on Flex Days as normally scheduled.

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 to complete paper copy activities.

Can students access the assignments or complete the online assignments from their smartphone?

Some work can be done on a smartphone, but some assignments may require websites or programs that work better on a standard computer.

Other questions?

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