

# **Jackson County Schools Non-Traditional Instruction Day Plan Overview 2023-2024 School Year**

## **Introduction**

The Jackson County Schools Non-Traditional Instruction Day (NTID) Plan, if approved by the West Virginia Department of Education, would allow for the use of up to five (5) days of remote learning during inclement weather days when schools would be closed for students. Remote days used during inclement weather would not have to be made up later in the school year. Employees will report to work during an NTID to provide instructional services and related support for students.

The Superintendent will determine the use of a remote learning day, as opposed to a traditional snow day, based on the severity of weather and road conditions.

## **Plan Overview**

Jackson County Schools has a 1:1 technology device program in place, supported by the Canvas Learning Management System. Microsoft TEAMS and Google Classroom are used to facilitate online class sessions and interaction with students. Elementary schools beginning with grade 2 and middle school students through grade 7 are provided an iPad, and students in grades 8-12 are provided with a MacBook. Hotspots are also available, as requested, for students that do not have reliable internet service at home but have a level of cell phone coverage appropriate to support a hotspot.

At a minimum, remote instruction will include daily instruction/assignments in the areas of English Language Arts, mathematics, science, and social studies.

For students that do not have internet access, instructional packets will be prepared and distributed to students. These instructional packets will be designed to support current instructional activities and the appropriate review of previously taught concepts planned for classrooms. Teachers would be available by telephone for students who need support but cannot join class activities via the internet.

During an NTID, school counselors, social workers, psychologists, and Community-in-Schools (CIS) Specialists would be available via video or telephone sessions to provide for students' social/emotional needs.

## **NTID Assignments**

In general, students are to submit the work product from NTID on the day school reopens for face-to-face learning. The individual classroom teacher is permitted to extend the due date for assignments to account for extended projects or extenuating circumstances.

Teachers will design standards-driven instruction using state-approved curricula. Teachers will provide materials for projects as needed. Teachers will ensure that instructional activities and tasks are comparable to what would have occurred if the class was held in person.

Tasks and lessons will provide learning activities relevant to the content that involve meaningful, real-world experiences leading to deep understanding.

All assignments will be graded/reviewed using rubrics, checklists, and the degree of completion.

## **Professional Learning**

Professional learning opportunities will be scheduled for bus operators during NTIDs. Professional learning opportunities have also been identified and will be scheduled at the school level for instructional staff in a manner that does not interfere with instruction and related support for students. Professional learning will focus on the priorities previously established in the Jackson County Schools Strategic Plan.