

Townsend Elementary



Alternative Method of Instruction (AMI) Inclement Weather Instruction

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Alternative Method of Instruction (AMI)

In the event the Hazelwood School District (HSD) experiences inclement weather and must close schools, Townsend Elementary School will follow the Alternative Method of Instruction outlined below.

Hazelwood School District has worked through a collaborative process to develop an Alternative Method of Instruction (AMI) plan to be utilized in the event that school is closed due to inclement weather or other emergency circumstances for up to 36 hours of attendance.

Details of this plan are on the Hazelwood School District website, however, Townsend will have daily instructional plans to continue grade-level activities through Google Classroom. In the event that teachers are not able to deliver content virtually due to severe/unusual circumstances, such as a county-wide power outage, the workbooks students currently use in class will be used for student assignments, thus, allowing our students to stay on task.

Instructional Plans

In order to remain consistent with the lessons and skills students have been working on, teachers will be required to post the work for the day in their Google Classroom, as well as resources to be used at the onset of weather warnings. Teachers have included Administrators, Instructional Coach, Counselors, Behavior interventionists, and Reading Specialists as teachers of their Google Classroom. The plans are the same plans in the teacher's weekly Lesson Plan folder with updated information for activities in the event we have a power outage.

Communication to Parents

A Townsend Blackboard message was emailed to parents indicating how students will access their work, and lessons, as well as the times teachers are available via Google Meet for assistance. In the event of an AMI Day, teachers will follow up with parents in regard to the lessons and work required for the day. Assignments will be posted in each Google Classroom.

Student Attendance

Students may check in with teachers twice a day to complete assignments (9:30 AM and 1:15 PM). Classwork must be completed within 5 days of the return from the school closure for the student to be counted as present.

Time on Task

AMI days are required work days. Teachers will be available via Google Classroom and phone during two designated time slots: 9:30 - 11:15 AM and 1:00-2:15 PM. These times give students the opportunity to get directions and have discussions regarding assignments. Townsend staff will attend a morning meeting beginning at 9:00 AM.

Teachers, Teacher Assistants, Secretaries, and Attendance Clerks are required to be available during the AMI school closure days as virtual work days.