

Planning for the Non-Traditional School Day



Barren County was granted a waiver to use non-traditional instruction for days missed due to weather or other emergencies. This gives students the opportunity to continue learning outside the traditional “brick and mortar” school structure. The program is known “iLearn@home”.

What is a Non-Traditional School Plan?

For 2015-16, Barren County will be one of 44 school districts that look at instruction on snow days (or other days school would not be in session) differently. Under the provisions of the waiver, a district may count up to 10 non-traditional instruction days as regular attendance days in its school calendar and not have to make them up. Barren County Schools will likely never need all 10 days for non-traditional instruction, so our current plans are to prepare for approximately three days for 2nd semester of 2015-16, if needed. The plan allows for teachers and school/district leadership to develop opportunities for students to access course work both in print form and, if possible, in an online manner. The planned result is less loss of instructional time and increased ability to learn new content when school is back in session.



PURPOSE

The main objective is to lessen the impact of missed instruction due to severe weather or other events that normally cause school to be cancelled. Students will be able to review previously taught concepts that will help to minimize instructional disruptions.

COMMUNICATIONS

Letters and other information will be sent home with each student detailing the school and teacher plans for content delivery and instruction. Additionally the information will share how students will be able to communicate with teachers on **iLearn @ home** days.

PLANNING

Schools will set aside time to develop plans for implementation that include content, resources to be used, delivery method, and communication plans.

CONTENT CREATION

Each school will build learning plans through on-going work within their PLC structure. Units of study will be developed as review and as reinforcement of previously-taught concepts. Grade-level teams and cross curriculum teams can provide support for development of rigorous learning experiences tied to Kentucky Academic Standards (KAS).

DIGITAL PRESENCE

In order for the non-traditional school days to be effective, teachers need maintain a digital presence throughout the school year. This will include teacher webpages, as well as another learning platforms. Additional tools like Remind 101, Edmodo, and Google Classroom can also be utilized.

STAFF CONTRACT OBLIGATIONS

Teachers shall be available during normal school hours (7:30-2:30/8:00-3:00/etc.) to answer questions and monitor online activity. Classified personnel will work with his/her supervisor in the creation of an alternate work plan.

Implementation Timeline

Nov 2 -

Nov 30

Content Creation
& Planning

Nov 23 -

Dec 10

Parent Information
Sent Home

Dec 10

School Assurance
Form Due

Jan 4

Content Available
Online