



## **Inclement Weather/Distance Learning Day Plan 2023-2024**

All schools should have an Inclement Weather Plan in preparation for a weather emergency and communicate with parents in advance about the plan. We must include standard practices in each plan to ensure our communication to families is clear. If there is a threat of inclement weather, schools should send student devices home with them the day before and principals should communicate via social media, School Messenger, Remind etc. that the devices will be sent home.

Each plan, if including a device to be sent home, should include the following:

1. All student devices should be turned on so that any updates can occur periodically. Additionally the Google Classroom should be reviewed by teachers so students do not have issues accessing the platform if/when needed.
2. All inclement weather plans will be posted on the Inclement Weather tab on each school's website.
3. Teachers should post assignments in Google Classroom by 9 AM on the inclement weather day. Teachers will send parents the link to the DCSS Portal and Google classroom via email or other communication resources (Class Dojo, Remind, etc.).
4. School staff should offer office hours and post these hours within the Inclement Weather tab for student assistance:
  - a. Teachers
  - b. Media Specialists (technical assistance)
  - c. Gifted and ESOL teachers

- d. Counselors
  - e. Principals have the autonomy to assign other school staff duties to complete (professional learning modules, data digs, etc.).
5. Due to possible power and internet outages, students should be given up to three days after returning to school to complete and turn in assignments.
  6. Consideration should be given to students who may not have connectivity. Teachers can provide hard copies of assignments upon returning to school or have students complete assignments in the Google Classroom at school.
  7. Assignment workload should be manageable for students and will not reflect a typical school day. An A/B schedule may be considered. Projects that require special materials should not be assigned.
  8. School work should be academic in nature and may be used as a grade in Infinite Campus at the teacher's discretion and approval by the principal.
  9. Plans should include the link to the DCSS Portal and directions on how to log in if necessary on the Inclement Weather tab. This should be finalized and posted at the beginning of the year in preparation for such instances.

Each plan, if not including a device to be sent home (primarily at the elementary level), should include the following:

1. Paper packets should be sent home to cover an extended period of time, including multiple activities that draw on reading, writing, mathematics, science, Specials, and social studies.
2. Careful consideration to include creative activities that draw on multiple interests and intelligences should be kept in mind.
3. Principal discretion (primarily at the elementary level) should be given when grading assignments upon students' return.