



# STAR CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Jon Laffoon, Superintendent

Dear Star City Schools Families:

We are excited to share with you that Star City School District has been granted approval to offer "Alternative Method of Instruction" (AMI) days during the 2017-2018 school year. This plan will allow the opportunity for all Star City students to be engaged in meaningful learning on inclement weather or emergency days (up to 3) when conditions prevent school from being in session.

## **WHAT IS ALTERNATE METHOD OF INSTRUCTION?**

Alternate Method of Instruction simply allows for the continuation of learning when students miss days of regular instruction. Students will have the opportunity for skill reinforcement, remediation and enrichment through electronic or conventional paper lessons. The Arkansas Department of Education has granted our district three (3) AMI days this school year, on which students will be expected to continue learning "off-site" (home). We will begin utilizing the AMI plan on January 8, 2018 and after that date, the first three (3) snow or emergency days will be counted as AMI days, meaning they will NOT be made up at the conclusion of the 2017-2018 school year.

## **HOW WILL AMI DAYS WORK?**

Each school's AMI plan will be tailored to their particular students; in the coming days, you will receive information from your child's principal with more specific, detailed information. Students may receive packets and/ or use devices to work during AMI days. All materials will be provided by your child's teachers and school.

## **WHAT DO FAMILIES NEED TO DO NOW?**

1. Watch for information on the AMI plan from your child's school to be sent home soon.
2. Promptly respond to requests for information about Internet access or other questions.
3. Talk with your child about expectations for completion of his/her work on AMI days.

We are proud to have been granted permission to offer AMI days from the Arkansas Department of Education. As this is our first year, we anticipate that we will learn lessons along the way and make necessary adjustments to improve our AMI plan to best meet the needs of our students. If you have further questions, please contact your child's principal or see a list of FAQ's on the district website at <http://www.starcityschools.com/>.

Thank you for supporting us on this journey as we strive to provide your child with learning opportunities, regardless of weather or walls! We welcome your feedback and invite you to share information with with your principal about how it is working for your family.

Jon Laffoon  
Superintendent