



Alternative Methods of Instruction

What you need to know about Pierce City's Alternative Methods of Instruction (AMI)

What is AMI and AMI-X? Alternative Methods of Instruction is Pierce City School District's virtual learning program utilized in the event of a school closure. When school is closed due to inclement weather, we will implement AMI. When school is closed due to COVID-19, we will implement AMI-X. AMI and AMI-X utilize the same instruction.

When will AMI be used? The first two days the entire District is closed due to COVID-19 or weather (such as snow and ice), there will be no online instruction. We will begin our Alternative Methods of Instruction (AMI) on the third day of closure.

Will AMI be used if a class or building is instructed to quarantine at home? In the event we are instructed to close a single class or building due to COVID-19 quarantine, AMI would begin immediately.

Why is the District implementing AMI? Pierce City strives for excellence and AMI allows us to continue that tradition. We believe the best instruction happens within the classroom and extended/multiple closures have a negative impact on instruction and the learning that takes place. Our goal is to continue our learning virtually when necessary to eliminate the interruption to instruction.

Why begin AMI on the third day of district-wide closure? The first two days provide our staff and families time to plan.

Will the District be more likely to close for a weather day if AMI is available? No. Pierce City School District understands weather closures are difficult for many of our families. We will continue to make weather related decisions as we have done utilizing forecasts, National Weather Service conference calls, driving roads, etc.

Will the instruction be similar to spring 2020? Last spring gave us a foundation to build upon for AMI. We learned a tremendous amount. From this point forward, our AMI will be much more closely aligned with our classroom instruction and level of rigor.

Will participation be required or optional? From this point forward, AMI will be required. Students will be expected to engage in the instruction and complete any assignments. Attendance will be counted based on the work completed by the student.

What if we do not have internet capabilities? We have a limited supply of wifi hotspots for families needing internet access. The parking lot at between the high school and the football field can also be utilized for wifi access.

How is this program different from the other educational options? Only students enrolled in in-person learning participate in AMI. This program is an extension of the classroom with students having the same teachers as when they are in-person. Pierce City School District will utilize AMI beginning the 3rd day of district-wide school closure. Families choosing online instruction as their educational option through MOCAP will have teachers and curriculum from the MOCAP vendor they choose.