



RICHMOND R-XVI SCHOOL DISTRICT

Mr. Greg Darling, Superintendent
Dr. Ginger Jones, Assistant Superintendent

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Spartan Families,

Snow days will be here before we know it. We have a new alternative for snow make-up days called Alternative Method of Instruction (AMI) days. AMI days will not need to be made up at the end of the year. During AMI days, students will be provided assignments and learning activities that must be completed in order for your child's attendance to count as a regular school day. The state only allows school districts to use five AMI days in a school year.

Students in Pre-K-1 grade will receive paper materials to complete while at home on AMI days. Students in grades 2-12 will access assignments and instructions through each teacher's Google classroom. Richmond teachers will be online and available to support students during regular school hours. Students in grades 2-12 who do not have online access please contact your teacher for an alternative plan.

When school is cancelled and an AMI day occurs, district communication will note, "Due to inclement weather, students will not report to their school building today. All students continue learning from home on this AMI day. If you have questions about what your AMI day is, please contact your teacher(s)."

When we have a traditional snow day, and not an AMI day, our communication and expectations are different. The communication will say, "Due to inclement weather, school is cancelled today."

Phone calls, Twitter, Facebook, emails, and text messages are sent to district families. Text messages are the fastest mode of communication. If you haven't already, please consider opting in to receive text messages. Please sign up at the following website:

<https://www.richmondspartans.org/page/spartan-alerts>. Cancellation/AMI day notices will also be found on local news broadcasts.

Please contact your school with any questions regarding snow/AMI days.

Sincerely,

Richmond Administrative Team

Attached: Richmond R-XVI State Approved AMI Handbook

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