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Coronavirus Update and Non-Traditional Instruction (NTI) Days

School in Grayson County is currently operating on a regular schedule. With the continually evolving nature of COVID-19 response, and based on state and local health department guidance, that could quickly change.

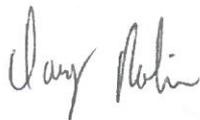
In the event that school closures should become necessary, the Kentucky Department of Education has granted flexibility for school districts to request a waiver to implement **Non-Traditional Instructional (NTI) Days** to ensure that learning continues. Grayson County Schools is in the process of seeking approval to utilize this option if it becomes necessary.

We are providing an NTI Day Fact Sheet to help answer your questions about these non-traditional school days. Packets will be sent home with students on Friday in preparation for potential closure. This **does not mean** we will actually be closed, simply that we will be ready to act should that become a necessity.

Grayson County Schools will continue to follow guidance from the CDC, KY Department of Public Health and the Grayson County Health Center. We will make decisions based on those recommendations and in the best interest of the safety and well-being of our students and their families, our staff, and our community as a whole.

We will continue to provide updates at graysoncountyschools.com and through all other available communication channels – Facebook, Twitter, our GCS app, K105, newspapers – along with phone notifications when appropriate.

Thank you for your patience and support during this continually changing time.



Doug Robinson
Superintendent



Non-Traditional Instruction (NTI) Days

While not the current recommendation, in the event that school closures are needed due to the outbreak of the Coronavirus, the Kentucky Department of Education has granted flexibility for school districts to request to implement **Non-Traditional Instructional (NTI) Days**. Grayson County Schools is in the process of seeking approval to utilize this option if necessary.

What is an NTI Day?

An NTI Day would allow Grayson County Schools to continue instruction on days when students are not able to attend due to the Coronavirus. On the designated NTI Days, students will have assignments (either online or paper packets) that provide review opportunities and application of previous learning. Depending on the student's grade level and school, the assignments may contain lessons from reading/language arts, mathematics, social studies, and writing along with other cross-curricular lessons and opportunities.

All assignments will be made available online. However, if your child does not have internet access, a paper copy of assignments will be provided in advance of an NTI day(s). Other information about NTI assignments will be available at graysoncountyschools.com or on each school's website.

What are teachers and administrators doing on NTI Days?

Teachers and administrators will be accessible via telephone, email, Google Hangout, or other teacher designated means for any students who need assistance in completing the NTI Day lessons. Teachers will be available to answer questions and help students between 8:00 A.M. and 2:30 P.M. with a lunch break from 11:00 A.M. until 12:00 P.M. For any students who need assistance in completing the NTI Day lessons, teachers will be easily accessible via email e-mail and will respond to both student and parent questions during the above hours. **If email is not a possibility, please contact your child's school to set up a means of communication.** Teachers and principals will also be working on instructional programming.

How will I know which day is an NTI Day?

NTI Days will be announced through **all available communications channels** - district phone notification, social media (district Facebook and Twitter), the district website and app - to let families know that school has been cancelled for the day. Announcements will also be on K105, WBKO-13, and Louisville TV stations. If there is no notification, school will be in session.

How will students submit their work from the NTI Days?

All elementary students will receive hard copies of the work packets. Students should return their work to school **on the day they return to school**. Online assignments may be completed and submitted online or printed for completion and submitted on the day they return to school.

If a student is unable to complete an assignment prior to returning to school, he/she will have additional time to complete the assignment once classes resume. **All NTI Day work will be due within 3-5 days** upon return to school, depending on the duration of time out of school.

What happens if my child misplaces the NTI Day packet?

NTI Day packets will be distributed to all elementary students and any middle or high school student who does not have access to the internet. Electronic copies of these packets will be made available online for students who may need additional copies because they may have lost/misplaced their original packet. Students may print the assignment at home or complete the assignments on notebook paper if necessary.

How will attendance be determined on NTI Days?

Students will be counted **present** on each NTI Day for which they complete the required assignments.

If a student fails to submit the NTI Day work, that student may be counted as **absent** for that NTI Day and/or receive a zero for participation on their assignments.