

March 10, 2020

Re: Alternative Methods of Instruction (AMI) Days

Dear Parents:

As you know, the Arkansas Department of Education approved the Highland School District's application for five Alternative Methods of Instruction (AMI) Days during the 2019-20 school year. We have currently used 4 of our allotted 5 AMI Days.


Recently, the Arkansas Department of Education decided to give schools the ability to take up to 10 AMI days. These can be used when inclement weather or another type of emergency circumstance occurs, causing the school to be canceled. This would allow Highland students the opportunity to work from home on AMI Day packets rather than making up a day later in the school year.

This packet you are receiving today is work for AMI Days 6-10 should we need to use them. You should still have work at home labeled AMI Day 5. If this work cannot be located, please call the school office to have another set of this work sent home.

Additional copies of the packets may be obtained prior to an AMI day through each school building's front office. Please feel free to request additional copies of the packet if your child has more than one residence or if he/she misplaces the original copy. Student attendance on the AMI Day will be determined by his/her completion of the assigned day's work in the packet. In most cases, teachers will be available by email throughout the AMI day to answer student or parent questions.

District administration will ultimately decide if a canceled school day will work as an AMI day. For instance, if a widespread illness is the reason for cancellation, district administration will decide if students would benefit from an AMI day or if a traditional make-up day should be used.

Students will have 5 days to return the completed AMI work prior to being counted as absent. This way if a student needs to ask questions face-to-face they can ask those when they return to school and still have time to complete the work. Please contact your child's principal if you have questions about this process. Thank you, as always, for your support of our students.


Don Sharp, Superintendent
Highland School District