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Flexible Instructional Day FAQ's

What is a Flexible Instruction Day (FID)?

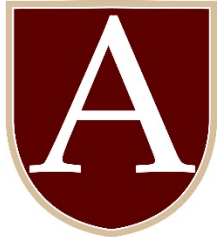
Flexible Instructional Days (FID) are deemed a school day and count toward the number of instructional days/hours required under Article 15 of the Public-School Code and Chapter 11 of the state Board of Education regulations. FIDS employ “nontraditional strategies” to provide a continuation of instruction on a regularly scheduled school day when circumstances (primarily weather call for an alternate approach. They can also be utilized in cases when circumstances (e.g., a disease epidemic, a hazardous weather condition, a law enforcement emergency, the inoperability of school buses or other equipment necessary to the public-school entity’s operation, damage to a school building, or a temporary circumstance rendering any portion of a school building unfit or unsafe for use) prevent the delivery of instruction in its customary manner or location. The Mifflin County Academy of Science and Technology (The Academy) applied and was approved to participate in this program for the next three years.

How will I know if it is a Flexible Instructional Day (FID) at The Academy?

Students and parents will be notified of an FID through The Academy's One Call Now notification system in the same way that school closings, delays, and other emergency notifications are announced. Notifications will be distributed via phone and e-mail and will be posted on The Academy website, www.theacademy.net. On days when the school cannot be open due to inclement weather or another significant event the students and staff will stay at home and complete an assigned lesson for that day.

What happens on a Flexible Instructional Day?

Students will not report to school on an FID. Work will be completed at home through the Google Classroom platform. Students who do not have connectivity will be given hard copy learning packets to complete prior to enacting the first FID.



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How will student attendance work?

The Academy's procedure for tracking student attendance during an FDI will be done in the following manner:

1. Students will be required to log into The Academy Skyward Family/Student Access on the student's account using either the mobile app or on a desktop between 8:00AM and 3:00PM on each announced FID.
2. After logging into The Academy's Skyward Family/Student Access, the student will be required to navigate to any two areas in Skyward Family/Student Access (ex. Click on Grades then click on Attendance).
3. If a student does not have internet connectivity, students will make a phone call to the school between 8:00AM and 3:00PM. They can choose the principal option and either leave a message with their name, grade, and DOB or speak to the attendance secretary and provide the same information.

Will Assignments be graded on an FID?

Student participation will also be monitored through the Google Classroom platform. This allows teachers to recognize which students have logged into the system and completed the prepared lessons. The students of The Academy will be accountable for their work by submission through various methods of delivery. The expectation is that all students participate in these FID activities. Teachers will provide grades and feedback on assignments given during this time. Teachers will post assignments using the Google Classroom platform or using Learning Packets when internet connectivity issues exist.