



APPROVED for 2016-2017



Non-Traditional Instruction Plan

What is a Non-Traditional Instruction Plan?

In the Fall of 2014, the Kentucky Department of Education approved waivers that allowed thirteen school districts to use non-traditional means of instruction when school is cancelled because of weather or another emergency. For 2015-16, the program was expanded to include additional districts. The Barren County School District was selected last year as one of thirty-one *new* districts to participate in this waiver program. We are pleased to announce that Barren County is approved for 2016-2017 along with 71 other school districts to look at instruction on snow days (or other days school would not be in session) differently.

The Barren County Schools have a long history of innovation and excellence, and the Non-Traditional Instruction Program was a natural connection to all the forward-thinking initiatives we have in place. Under the provisions of the waiver, a district may count up to 10 non-traditional instruction days as regular attendance days in its school calendar and not have to make them up. Barren County Schools will likely never need all 10 days for non-traditional instruction, so our current plans are to prepare for **five days** to be utilized if needed anytime after Dec 1, 2016.

Planning for how instruction will be delivered for ALL students during a day when school is not open due to unforeseen circumstances is underway and will be shared during the Fall of 2016. The plan allows for teachers and school/district leadership to develop opportunities for students to access course work both in print form and, if possible, in an online manner. The planned result is less loss of instructional time and increased ability to learn new content when school is back in session. Some brief facts and highlights include:

How will content be Delivered?

As we begin this process plans will be made for print (hard copy) and digital (on-line) materials to be available for students on “iLearn@Home” Days. Information will be shared in ADVANCE through teacher communication, websites, social media, & OneCall System to prepare everyone for the non-traditional day.

When will these days be used?

For the 2016-2017 school year if the district experiences numerous days where school is closed (for various reasons), Superintendent Matthews has the ability to use “iLearn@Home Days” to allow instruction to continue. He has announced for 2016-17 school year that the first FIVE weather-related closing day, will be used as iLearn@home days.

How will the day be communicated?

A OneCall will be made to all students and staff announcing the “iLearn@Home Day.” In addition, announcements will be placed on the district web page, BC Schools App, and the district Facebook page.

What will students be doing?

“iLearn@Home Day” work will give students the opportunity to review and apply content from their classes to ensure their understanding of essential concepts and skills. For some content at the middle and high school levels, the learning may be new content but that information will be communicated in advance AND will be something students can work on independently. Students will be required to complete the tasks assigned during the “iLearn@Home Day” and submit the work within THREE days of returning to school once school resumes.

What will teachers & other staff be doing?

The plan requires that staff be available to assist students with questions and the work. Staff will be active on the websites, corresponding through email, using One Call & text messaging, or other means to help. More information will be shared by the teachers & schools prior to the “iLearn@Home Day” event.

What support will be available?

Work assigned for “iLearn@Home Day” should be completed independently by students as it will be a review of concepts, of a project nature, or middle/high school level new learning appropriate to current classwork. School staff will be available by phone, email or other means to assist with any questions. In addition, time will be allowed in the school days following the “iLearn@Home Day” for students to complete the work in case there were issues with completing the work at home.



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