



Calhoun R-VIII

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

The Calhoun R-VIII School District has worked through a collaborative process to implement an Alternative Method of Instruction (AMI) plan to be utilized on days school is closed, such as for any future virus closures or it could be used for snow/inclement weather, flooding, exceptional emergency circumstances, or other natural disasters.

The goal of the AMI plan is to embed learning activities focused on reinforcement of critical learning standards, enrichment activities, or support for further skill development. Consistent practice and exposure to skills without interruption is the most effective way to ensure student understanding and mastery of content knowledge is achieved. We will notify all guardians, as we have in the past, via school outreach calls, social media postings, and through local television stations in the event of school closures and use of AMI days. In the event of school closing, teachers will be accessible for questions, clarification, and feedback through email or other online avenues available to students, such as Canvas or the Google Suite of apps.

By utilizing AMI days for weather, COVID or many other closures, we can eliminate the need to have to make up days at the end of the year. This plan will be used in an attempt to keep the calendar as consistent as possible and utilize the online resources available to do alternative learning and teaching.

Learning Activities Due Date

Students will complete learning activities at home during the missed day(s). Learning activities will be returned digitally or packets will be returned to school throughout the school closure, or within four days of returning to school. Student attendance for AMI days will be based upon work submitted when school is back in session. If work is completed for the AMI days, they will be counted in attendance; if the work is not completed they will be counted absent.

Lesson Activities and Expectations

Student access to the internet has been taken into consideration. Access to learning activities will be in multiple formats, online and hard copy, to meet the needs of all students. Learning activities will reinforce learning already presented during daily classroom instruction. Instruction for online activities will also be included for students who have access to the internet and devices at home.

Grades K-5:

Students in grades K-5 can access learning activities through the district’s Canvas portal and Google Suite of apps and other online avenues used in class. In the event the learning activities cannot be accessed through technology, a paper packet will be provided to students upon request from the guardian. Student learning activities do NOT have to be printed. Students can complete the required assignments electronically, on the printed documents or on notebook paper. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact your child’s teacher. Your teachers email is their first initial, last name @calhoun.k12.mo.us.

Grades 6-12:

Students in grades 6-12 can access learning activities through the teacher’s usual delivery method or through the district’s Canvas Portal and Google Suite of apps or other online platforms available. Student learning activities do NOT have to be printed. Students can complete the required assignments electronically or on paper. Students unable to access the internet will be provided a hard copy of learning activities upon request from student or guardian. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact your child’s teacher. Your teachers email is their first initial, last name @calhoun.k12.mo.us.