

Remote Learning Days vs. Flexible Instructional Days - January 2021

Description	Remote Learning Days	Flexible Instructional Days
Required PDE Legal Document	Emergency Instructional Time (PDE template)	FID Application (PDE application)
How long can it be used?	Only for the duration of the pandemic emergency	The application is approved for 3 years: 20-21, 21-22, and 22-23 school years
How many times?	Unlimited during the pandemic emergency	Up to 5 days each year
When and why?	COVID-related closures or any reason related to the pandemic Now as required by PDE and the mandatory, signed Attestation Form	Inclement weather, hazardous conditions, loss of power/heat/water, etc.
Who? Students?	Depending on circumstances of closure, remote learners may be students in the entire district, students in individual schools, students in individual classrooms and individual students who are quarantined or are in the virtual learning model	All students in the impacted school(s) will learn remotely.

	Also, depending on circumstances, some students may be in schools (as needed basis - special education, SACC)	
Who? Staff?	All staff must report to work and follow normal hours, unless modified by supervisor or administrator	Most staff do not report to work. Depending on circumstances, only essential personnel may report as required by supervisor
What does instruction look like?	Google Classroom Synchronous for normal school hours	Google Classroom Flexible with synchronous and asynchronous instruction possible
How do we count attendance?	Participation in classes Submission of work	Submission of work
Any changes to school calendars?	No, as long as the requirements in the PA School Code for a school year are met: 180 days or 900 hours (elementary) or 990 hours (secondary)	No, as long as the requirements in the PA School Code for a school year are met: 180 days or 900 hours (elementary) or 990 hours (secondary)
Any changes to graduation dates or other changes to planned school events?	No	No

Buildings closed or learning remote, what activities happen?	All extra-curricular activities including athletics are cancelled/postponed.	Inclement weather - activities cancelled; other reasons will be addressed individually.
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** Snow Days or a complete district/school cancellation means that no learning occurs on those days. The day must be “made up” either through a planned weather make up day or on an additional day tacked on to the end of the school year. This can alter graduation dates and other events in the school calendar.

**Early dismissals and delays - No virtual learning will occur.