



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

NON-TRADITIONAL INSTRUCTION DAYS

WHAT IS AN NTI DAY?

The Kentucky Department of Education (KDE), under KRS 158.070 Section 9, has approved the district's use of up to ten non-traditional instruction days (NTI Days) each school year. NTI Days allow teachers to deliver quality instruction to students during days when school is not in session due to unforeseen circumstances, including snow days. These days count toward the 170 required instructional calendar days and do not need to be made up.

Boyle County Schools uses NTI Days deliberately to support continual learning while balancing the district's school calendar—meeting end-of-year testing windows and reducing the potential of the school year extending into June.

HOW OFTEN WILL NTI DAYS BE USED?

Boyle County Schools places an extremely high value on classroom instruction; therefore, NTI Days are used judiciously and only when necessary. While ten NTI Days are available for use, all ten days are typically not used in a year. NTI Days will not begin until after Winter Break and back-to-back days are limited to accommodate the schedules of working parents of elementary-aged students. The superintendent will decide when days are designated as NTI Days.

HOW WILL NTI DAYS BE ANNOUNCED?

NTI Days are announced through regular district and school communication channels, along with school closure information.

WHEN DO NTI ASSIGNMENTS COME HOME?

Elementary students receive printed NTI Day packets prior to Winter Break. Middle and high school students receive assignments after Winter Break from their second semester teachers.

HOW DO STUDENTS ACCESS NTI ASSIGNMENTS?

Elementary students receive NTI Day assignments in paper packets. Middle and high school students receive assignments digitally, through their Chromebooks. Middle and high school students are given login and instructional information from teachers prior to the use of an NTI Day. Chromebook day users will receive paper packets, but may complete assignments digitally if they have computer access at home.

ARE TEACHERS AVAILABLE DURING NTI DAYS?

Teachers are available to assist with assignments by email from 8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. Specific teacher contact information will be included with NTI Day assignments. Teachers may communicate directly with students and parents by email or through REMIND texts.

WHEN IS NTI WORK DUE?

Students are encouraged to turn in completed work as quickly as possible, preferably the day they return to school. Elementary school assignments are marked incomplete after five school days. Middle and high school NTI work is due within three days.

SNOW DAY BASICS

We understand that changes to school operating hours and the use of NTI Days can be controversial. Student and staff safety is always our first priority. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact your child's school directly.

- > The district's goal is to communicate decisions concerning weather related delays or cancellations by approximately 6:00 a.m.
- > Because weather forecasts and conditions often change overnight, final determinations are typically made the morning in question.
- > Please monitor communications throughout the day when weather is a factor. Conditions often deteriorate quickly. Sometimes bad weather conditions will not arise until after the 6:00 a.m. communication goal and delays may become cancellations.
- > Cancellations, delays and early dismissals are announced through the following communication channels:
 - Automated phone alert system (please make sure your child's school has up-to-date contact information)
 - Boyle County Schools Facebook and Twitter pages
 - Lexington television stations: LEX 18, WKYT 27, News Channel 36, FOX 56
 - Local Radio Stations: WHIR/WRNZ and WDBF
 - School social media pages and REMIND text alerts