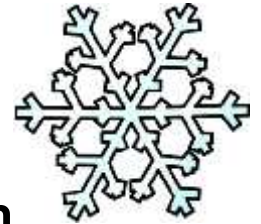


Cloverport Schools

Non-Traditional Instruction Information



What is a Non-Traditional School Plan?

Cloverport Independent School District has been granted a Non-Traditional Instruction (NTI) waiver. This detailed plan outlines how instruction will be delivered for ALL students during a day when school is not open due to unforeseen circumstances. The planned result is less loss of instructional time and increased ability to learn new content when school is back in session.

Delivery:

Elementary School: Digital and hard copy material will be available for students on NTI Days through a take home folder and the district website. A folder with lessons will be distributed to students after school starts. (A One Call Now will notify families when the folder is being sent home). Please store this folder at home until the student needs to use it.

Middle School: Assignments will be available through Google Classroom. If you do not have access to internet at home, it may be possible to download the assignment prior to the cancelled day (if foreseen). If not, students will have five (5) school days to complete expected assignments.

High School: High school students will be required to complete work via CERT or WIN Learning. If you do not have access to internet at home, students will have five (5) school days to complete expected assignments.

When: NTI Days will NOT necessarily be enacted on the first day school is cancelled for snow. Families will be notified by the One-Call system when the snow day will be counted as an NTI Day and what assignments are you expected to complete.

Communications: A One-Call will be made to all students and staff announcing the NTI Day. In addition, announcements will be placed on the radio and school social media sites.

Content: NTI Day work will give students the opportunity to review and apply content from their core classes in order to ensure their understanding of essential concepts and skills.

Accountability: Students will be required to complete the tasks assigned during the NTI Day within five (5) school days of returning from the NTI Day. Elementary students will submit their work in the district provided NTI Day folder to their teacher. Middle School and High School Students will submit work digitally. Student participation will be determined as students complete their assigned work. All work will be counted as a classroom grade.

Teacher Support: Teachers are required to maintain open lines of communication with students/parents 8:00AM – 11:00AM and 12:00PM – 3:00PM on each NTI Day. (Please see teacher contact page for specifics about each teacher.) If your child needs internet access, the Cloverport Branch of the public library will be open on NTI Days unless there is a state of emergency issued. The hours are Monday 9:30-5:30 and Tuesday-Friday, 12:30-5:30.



NTI Days

Frequently Asked Questions

What is an NTI Day?

NTI Days allow Cloverport Independent Schools to provide nontraditional instruction on days when students are not able to attend school due to unforeseen circumstances. On the designated NTI Days, students will have access to materials that provide review opportunities and application of previous learning or projects. Depending on the student's grade level, the materials could include lessons from reading, language arts, mathematics, social studies, and science. Elementary school lessons are supported with online resources but can be completed without access to the Internet.

Q: Why is the district implementing the NTI Day plan?

A: In a nutshell, the answer is "To improve student learning". It is very difficult to maintain sequential, cohesive instruction when students are out of school in an unplanned manner such as a snow day. Therefore, CISD students will be able to review taught concepts that will (a) keep material fresh in students' minds and (b) will minimize instructional disruptions. In addition, while most students enjoy an occasional snow day, many students bore quickly and often involve themselves with counterproductive tasks or activities. Instructional projects will provide students a positive, intentional focus that will reinforce prior learning.

Q: What are teachers and administrators doing on NTI Days?

A: All staff will be expected to keep a log of the activities that fulfill their contractual obligations from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Principals will discuss with staff prior to the use of any non-traditional days the types of work that will be acceptable. Staff who are able to travel can report to the school and answer student calls and emails.

Q: Will every snow day be treated as an NTI Day?

A: No, we will not count every snow day, or unforeseen circumstance as an NTI Day. Cloverport Independent School District has been approved to use up to ten NTI Days during the 2016-17 school year.

Q: Will the NTI Days have to be "made up"?

A: No. NTI days count exactly the same as a traditional school day for both teachers and students. Following each NTI day, the district is required to submit a variety of documents including lesson plans, participation rates for students, evidence of teacher participation, etc. to KDE in order to be allowed to count the NTI day. If the district meets its reporting requirement the NTI day will be counted.

Q: How will I know which day is an NTI Day?

A: NTI Days will be announced during the one-call that is made to let families know that school has been cancelled for the day. NTI Days will also be announced on the district's website, social media pages and the local radio station.

Q: How will I know what assignments are to be submitted on an NTI Day?

A: The one-call that you receive will indicate what work your child is expected to complete. Also, this information will be posted on the district's website, social media pages and the local radio station.

Q: How will students submit their work from the NTI Days?

A: Elementary students will receive copies of the work packets in an NTI Day folder. They should return their work to school in that same folder on the day they return from the missed day. Middle and high school students will submit their work electronically.

Q: My child/student does not have access to a computer and/or the Internet. How will he/she do the work?

A: Every elementary student will be given a paper/pencil packet of work to complete. Middle school students have a variety of options. They can download the work ahead of time (if the weather is foreseen), they can utilize the public library if weather permits or they can wait until they return to school to use internet access. High school students will have opportunities when they return to school to access the assignments during non-instructional time or they can also utilize the public library after school hours. Remember, students have five (5) school days after the snow day to complete the work.

Q: What happens if my child misplaces the NTI Day lesson?

A: For elementary students, NTI Day lessons will be distributed to students at school to keep at home. All assignments will also be available on the district website as well as in the Cloverport Branch of the public library. If a student is unable to complete the lesson packet prior to returning to school, he/she will have up to five (5) school days to complete the work. Middle /High School students have access to their assignments via the internet.

Q: When are assignments due to be returned?

A: The district has established a five (5) school day window following an NTI Day for submission of work. We established a longer than normal window to accommodate students who may need assistance from the teacher to complete the project and who may not have access to any form of communication with the teacher on the actual NTI Day.

Q: How long should it take for my child to complete the NTI Day assignments?

A: Each student will work at his/her own pace so the time required to complete the work will vary depending on the child; however, our target time frame is approximately the same as the regular school day.

Q: Am I expected to teach my child new content while he/she is working on NTI Day assignments?

A: No. The NTI instructional materials are designed to review and reinforce previously-taught concepts and not represent new teaching components.

Q: What if my child wants to work ahead and complete assignments?

A: Your child is welcome to work ahead and complete the assigned work, however, all of the assignments may not need to be completed. It depends on the number of NTI Days we use.

Q: What if my child has questions about the NTI Day work assignments or trouble while he/she is completing the work?

A: Classroom teachers will be available to assist students on all NTI Days. Please see the Teacher Contact Page about how he/she plans to communicate with students to answer questions about student assignments on the NTI Days. This communication may include email or other electronic means or by phone. Teachers will be available for students and parents from 8:00AM – 11:00AM and 12:00PM – 3:00PM on each Cyber Snow Day.

Q: What should I do if I can't contact my student's teacher with a question or concern on an NTI Day?

A: Every teacher will have multiple methods for contacting them. These methods of contact may include e-mail, class web-site chat access, phone numbers, etc. Each folder will also include alternate contact information in the event that your child's actual teacher cannot be reached. It is possible that a teacher may be sick, have a doctor's appointment, or other emergency that takes them away from the job responsibilities on the NTI day.

Q: What should a teacher do if he/she can't participate in an NTI Day due to personal/family illness, jury duty, etc. or other reason indicated on the "teacher attendance card"?

A: The teacher has the right to use a sick day on the NTI Day if circumstances prevent them from fulfilling their duties on the NTI Day. The teacher should make their principal aware as early as possible if they are not going to be available on the designated NTI Day.

Q: What if my child is sick on an NTI Day?

A: Students have a five (5) school day window to make up and submit their work. Parent or Doctor's Excuses will not be accepted on NTI Days.

Q: What if my middle/high school child is planning to do his/her NTI Day assignments but our internet is not working on that day?

A: Students can always fall back on the five day assignment completion window if necessary.

Q: Can my child come to school on the NTI Day?

A: No. Schools will be closed to students on the NTI Days. The teachers that choose to report to work will be busy in their classrooms communicating with students electronically and addressing concerns as they arise.

Q: Is it normal for parents to get a call or e-mail from their child's teacher on the NTI Day?

A: Yes. Teachers have been instructed to maintain and submit a student contact log for each NTI Day. Teachers are required to attempt to make contact with any of their students who have not contacted them. This contact may be in the form of a group message on Course-sites/Blackboard, e-mail, phone call, etc.

Q: Should my child attempt to contact their teacher on the NTI Day?

A: Yes. Students should contact their teacher using the teacher contact information page.

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