



# Nazareth Area School District

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Dear Nazareth Area School District families,

The Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) recently approved the Nazareth Area School District's Flexible Instructional Days (FID) application for the 2020-2021 through 2022-2023 school years. This approval provides the district with the opportunity to use up to five flexible instructional days to meet the 180 instructional day requirement each school year.

A Flexible Instructional Day (FID) is a day when students are not able to receive in-person instruction due to circumstances like the ones listed below.

- A hazardous weather condition
- Damage to a school building
- Temporary circumstance rendering any portion of a school building unfit or unsafe for use

Instead of closing one or more schools for the day when events like these occur, the district could provide online instruction for our students, which then qualifies as an instructional day and eliminates a "make up" day at the end of the school year.

If the District decides to use a Flexible Instructional Day instead of closing, families will receive notification through the automated notification system, School Messenger, in the same way that emergency weather days have been announced in prior years. The information will also be posted on school and district websites, social media and local news station outlets. The District will communicate the use of a Flexible Instructional Day with as much advance notice as possible.

Please reach out to your building principal if you have any further questions about Flexible Instructional Days or visit the Frequently Asked Questions on the District Website.

Thank you for all you do to support the students, families and staff of the Nazareth Area School District community.

Sincerely,

Dennis L. Riker, Ed.D

## **Frequently Asked Questions**

### **What is a Flexible Instructional Day?**

A Flexible Instructional Day (FID) is a day when students are not able to receive in-person instruction due to any of the circumstances listed below.

- A hazardous weather condition
- A law enforcement emergency
- The inoperability of school buses or other equipment necessary to the public school entity's operation
- Damage to a school building
- Temporary circumstance rendering any portion of a school building unfit or unsafe for use

Instead of closing one or more schools for the day when these events occur, the district could provide online instruction for our students so the day counts as an instructional day and does not need to be made up at the end of the school year.

### **How are Flexible Instructional Days (FIDs) different from the Fully Remote model in the August 2020 Health & Safety Plan?**

The Fully Remote learning model in the August 2020 Health & Safety plan involves all students in one or more schools learning remotely due to a school or district closure from the COVID-19 pandemic. Schools would transition into this fully remote learning model in response to Pennsylvania Department of Health (DOH) recommendations and remain in this model continuously for potentially an extended period of time.

Flexible Instructional Days (FIDs) are likely to occur intermittently and there will be no more than five FIDs available for the entire school year.

### **How will I know the district will be using a Flexible Instructional Day?**

Families will receive notification of Flexible Instructional Days through the automated notification system, School Messenger, in the same way that emergency weather days have been announced in prior years. The information will also be posted on school and district websites, social media and local news station outlets.

### **How will I know what my child should do to participate in school activities during the Flexible Instructional Day?**

Students will be expected to log into Schoology, the district learning management system they already use every day. Teachers will post learning activities in Schoology that are synchronous (scheduled sessions that are live with the teachers) and/or asynchronous (learning activities that students complete independently). Students will have a three day window to finalize the assignments that were assigned and worked on during the flexible instructional day in case more support is needed. This three day window will begin upon returning to in-person instruction.

### **What would a "typical" Flexible Instructional Day look like?**

#### **Sample Early Elementary**

8:15 AM Teachers Office Hours

9:30 AM ELA Instruction

10:30 AM Specials

11:20 AM Lunch

12: 00 PM Math Instruction

1:00 PM Science and Social Studies

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1:30 PM Intervention/Enrichment/Conferencing/Social Groups

2:15 PM Student end of day

### **Sample Intermediate**

8:30 a.m. Teachers Office Hour

9:30 a.m. ELA Instruction

10:30 a.m. Social Studies Learning Experience that integrates ELA skills 11:00 a.m. Specials

11:40 pm. Lunch

12:20 p.m. Math Instruction

1:20 p.m. Science Learning Experience that integrates math skills

2:20 p.m. Intervention/Enrichment/Conferencing/Social Groups

3:10 p.m. End of Day

### **Sample Middle School Schedule**

7:45 a.m. Period 1

8:45 a.m. Period 2

9:45 a.m. Period 3

10:45 p.m. Period 4

11:35 p.m. Lunch

12:35 p.m. Period 5

1:25 p.m. Period 6

2:25 p.m. Teacher Office Hours

2:45 p.m. Student Day Ends

\*(Intervention/Support- rotated during special classes and offered by Math/Reading Specialists or designated individuals)

### **Sample High School Schedule**

8:00 a.m. Block 1

9:30 a.m. Block 2

11:00 a.m. Block 3

12:00 p.m. Lunch

1:00 p.m. Block 4

2:15 p.m. Teacher Office Hours

2:45 p.m. Student Day Ends

### **What happens if my child is not able to log into Schoology on a Flexible Instructional Day?**

When possible, the district will send notice of a Flexible Instructional Day in advance so students can download and print or receive paper copies of assignments in case they are unable to log in during the FID. If a student did not download the assignments and is unable to log onto Schoology during the FID, families can visit the school office and/or contact their school principal to make arrangements for obtaining the assignments.

### **How will the district determine who was in attendance on the Flexible Instructional Day?**

Students who do not return paper copies of the assignments or do not log onto Schoology, the learning management system, and participate throughout the day will be counted as absent from school. Parent/Guardian documentation of the reason for the inability to complete the assignment will be required. Once parent documentation and the assignment is received the absence will be marked as excused. School District Attendance Policies will be in effect.

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