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SNOW DAYS AND FLEXIBLE INSTRUCTIONAL DAYS FOR 2023-2024

With winter weather soon to be upon us, please take a minute to read about the ways Cambria Heights School District will be using snow days and flexible instruction days this year.

Flexible Instruction Days (FIDs) are school days during which students work from home. Procedures for each building may be different given the nature of each schedule, including for students who attend Admiral Peary. You will receive more information about FIDs from your child(ren)'s school or grade level team, but during FIDs, students will log on to their Chromebooks or iPads for live instruction and other assignments. If students are sick or otherwise unable to participate in online classes, they will be marked absent and will have three days to complete their assignments, as on any in-person school day. *If your child is sick or otherwise unable to attend school remotely on a FID day, please send an excuse to the office so the absence may be marked "Excused."*

Since students will need their devices and possibly other materials on Flexible Instruction Days, we will attempt to only use FIDs when we can announce them in advance. For example, if the forecast at noon on a school day is calling for severe weather overnight, we will announce a FID for the following day so teachers can prepare their students, including providing paper copies of assignments to students who may have connectivity issues. By state guidelines, Cambria Heights can only use five Flexible Instruction Days per school year.

Snow Days are traditional days on which school is cancelled due to weather. During snow days, students do not need to log on to their devices. Snow Days will be made up later in the school year. When weather conditions worsen unexpectedly and students are not prepared to work from home, we may call a traditional Snow Day. To accommodate families' summer plans, we will attempt to use a combination of FID and Snow Days that makes the last day of school no later than Friday, May 31, 2024. However, if the winter is exceptionally bad, school may continue into the week of Monday, June 3.

Announcements for both Flexible Instruction Days and Snow Days, as well as delays and early dismissals, will be made using the district's notification system (voice and text) and posted on the district's Facebook page.