

Hancock County Schools'
Reimagined Instructional Time Information Packet
2015-2016

RESCHEDULING OF CANCELLED INSTRUCTIONAL DAYS

Hancock County's overall approach for Reimagining Instructional Time/Instructional Day includes first utilizing the five (5) Outside School Environment Days (OS), one (1) Out of Calendar Day (OC), and one (1) Preparation Day (P) in the 2015-2016 school calendar to make up cancelled instructional days due to inclement weather. Hancock County Schools has seven (7) non-instructional days that may be converted into make-up instructional days (see chart below.)

Cancelled Instructional Day	Make-up Instructional Day	Type of Day being Used for Make-Up
Day One	February 12, 2016	OS
Day Two	April 18, 2016	OS
Day Three	May 9, 2016	OS
Day Four	March 4, 2016	OS
Day Five	April 15, 2016	OS
Day Six	March 28, 2016	OC
Day Seven	June 2, 2016	Prep (moves to June 3 rd)

A copy of the 2015-2016 Hancock County School calendar appears on the next page.

WHAT ARE *SNOW SACKS*?

Hancock County Schools will use up to five (5) days of *Snow Sacks*, days of teacher prepared instruction to be completed in a learning environment outside of the school, to replace school attendance for all Hancock County students when inclement weather causes a cancellation of instructional days eight (8) through thirteen (13). The *Snow Sacks* will incorporate the same amount of instructional time as a regular instructional day. The learning environment may be the student's home or an alternate setting such as a Hancock County Public Library.

Snow Sacks are designed to reinforce the academic content students are learning in the school environment when school is not in session. Hancock County students will be completing their school work in another location if Hancock County Schools exceed the seven scheduled make-up instructional days.

The *Snow Sacks* will give special consideration to elementary students who are not independent learners by containing lessons focusing upon reinforcement and integration of skills that are regularly provided during instructional days.

Middle and high school students will be provided with reinforcement and integration of content learning activities, as well as application of skills in all core content areas.

WHEN ARE *SNOW SACKS* TO BE USED?

Hancock County's Reimagined School Day allows students to work in an alternate learning environment on *Snow Sacks* containing appropriate grade level content on Day 8, Day 9, Day 10, Day 11, and Day 12 in lieu of making up instructional time in the classroom.

Snow Sacks will be distributed in January 2016 to all students. Each sack will be numbered in the order in which they are to be completed.

Students are to submit completed *Snow Sacks* as soon as possible, up to two (2) days from the date they return to school. This will allow for technology issues, unforeseen events, or illness. Each *Snow Sack* replaces the work that would have been completed in school. Therefore, students will receive a grade from the classroom teacher for each assignment in the *Snow Sack*. Students not returning completed *Snow Sacks* will be counted absent on the cancelled day and will not receive credit/grade for the work.

HOW CAN I LEARN MORE ABOUT *SNOW SACKS*?

Each principal will be hosting an informational meeting describing *Snow Sacks* and how they are to be used. Please contact your school for the meeting date.

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Snow Sack Schedule

Inclement Weather Closed Day	Make Up Day	Definition of Day
Day 1	February 12, 2016	OS
Day 2	April 18, 2016	OS
Day 3	May 09, 2016	OS
Day 4	March 4, 2016	OS
Day 5	April 15, 2016	OS
Day 6	March 28, 2016	Out-of-Calendar Day
Day 7	June 2, 2016	Prep (moves to June 3 rd)
Day 8	NA	Reimagining Instructional Time/Instructional Day
Day 9	NA	Reimagining Instructional Time/Instructional Day
Day 10	NA	Reimagining Instructional Time/Instructional Day
Day 11	NA	Reimagining Instructional Time/Instructional Day
Day 12	NA	Reimagining Instructional Time/Instructional Day
Additional Days	June 6-June 30, 2016	Out of Calendar Days

Hancock County Schools reserves the right to change any *Snow Sack* day to a closed day to be made up in June 2016 if the weather conditions warrant. Weather conditions justifying school closures may include a state of emergency with travel limitations. The *Snow Sack* days will then be moved to days in June 2016.

WHAT WILL TEACHERS BE DOING ON SNOW SACK DAYS?

Below are the times teachers work on an instructional day.

SCHOOL	EDUCATORS' WORK DAY
A.T. Allison Elementary	7:45 – 3:15
New Manchester Elementary	7:45 – 3:15
Weirton Elementary	7:45 – 3:15
Oak Glen Middle	7:00 – 2:30
Weir Middle	7:00 – 2:30
Oak Glen High	7:00 – 2:30
Weir High	7:00 – 2:30

Teachers will be available to students from at various times during the day. Each principal will be providing parents/students with a schedule indicating when teachers may be contacted for assistance with assignments.

ACCRUED INSTRUCTIONAL TIME

Hancock County Schools have 2700 (45 hours) minutes of accrued instructional time. However, accrued time may not be used in place of an entire instructional day. Hancock County will use accrued instructional time to cover delays and early dismissals, if needed.

COMMUNICATION PLAN

Parents will be notified of the cancellation of an instructional day through the School Messenger System and local television and radio stations. Not every cancelled day will be a *Snow Sack* day.

Hancock County Schools Proposed Schedule for Cancelled Instructional Days	
Inclement Weather Day Number	Make Up Day
1	February 12, 2016
2	April 18, 2016
3	May 9, 2016
4	March 4, 2016
5	April 15, 2016
6	March 28, 2016
7	June 2, 2016
8	Reimagined Day 1
9	Reimagined Day 2
10	Reimagined Day 3
11	Reimagined Day 4
12	Reimagined Day 5
Additional Days	Days will be added in June