

Frequently Asked Questions

Is every day cancelled due to inclement weather a *Snow Sack* day?

No. There will still be seven (7) opportunities in our school calendar to make-up cancelled days. Snow Sack days will be used for cancellation of days eight (8) through thirteen (13), if needed. The time of year, the nature of the closure, and other extenuating circumstances impact the decision of a cancelled day being a *Snow Sack* day.

How much support on the assignments should parents give their children?

It is the hope that the details provided for students to complete the assignments will allow them to do the work independently. These assignments should not require any more support than other work that is sent home.

What if my child receives Special Education services?

Snow Sacks for students with IEPs will be adapted as necessary just as they are for other assignments during the school year. The Special Education Staff is expected to accommodate and modify all assignments.

What if I don't have internet access?

All students will receive copies of lessons in their *Snow Sacks*. Internet access is not a requirement to participate on a *Snow Sack* day but may be an option for some.

What if the *Snow Sack* lessons are not completed?

Student engagement and completion of *Snow Sack* assignments is how attendance is calculated. If a student does not complete an assignment, he/she is considered absent for the day. In addition, no grade shall be awarded.



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**HANCOCK
COUNTY
SCHOOLS**

Snow Sack Program

From the Superintendent

Dear Hancock County School Community:

The Hancock County School District is pleased to announce that our schools have been awarded permission from the West Virginia State School Board to participate in the Reimagined Instructional Time/Day by using our *Snow Sack* Program. Our schools will plan for five (5) *Snow Sack* days this winter.

The purpose of the *Snow Sack* Program is to allow Hancock County students the ability to use time out of the classroom due to snow, inclement weather or other emergency days as school days. The West Virginia Department of Education will consider a *Snow Sack* day an instructional day when students engage in five hours of at-home learning opportunities that align with state standards.

We are excited about the opportunity to offer this program in our county and believe it will promote a variety of engaging learning opportunities to our students. Further, we are thrilled that our students' educational opportunities will not be disrupted due to emergency weather-related school closures.

You, as a parent and community member, will be given opportunities for feedback. Your input, opinions, and suggestions will be an important component in the overall success of this program.

Sincerely,

Dr. Kathy Kidder-Wilkerson

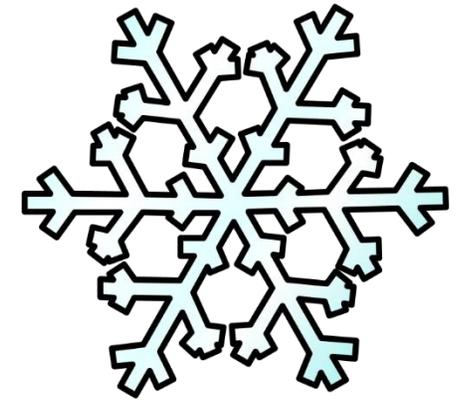
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MISSION STATEMENT OF HANCOCK COUNTY SCHOOLS:

The mission of Hancock County Schools is to afford all students the academic and social skills necessary to become productive members of society.

Snow Sack Program

Learning happens everywhere and anytime. The Hancock County *Snow Sack* Program allows students to develop their understanding of the ways of learning. By promoting independent, hands-on, experiential learning, students are setting the stage for lifelong learning. By using technology and the many resources available to them outside of the walls of the classroom, students develop skills they will need for future academic success.



How Will *Snow Sacks* Work?

Teachers have worked collaboratively to develop and design lessons to be used during the days designated as *Snow Sack* days.

Hard copies of five (5) *Snow Sack* lessons will be sent home with each student.

Parents, students, and teachers will be notified of *Snow Sack* days through our School Messenger system and by local television and radio stations.

Once notification has been given that the cancelled day is a *Snow Sack* day, students will complete the *Snow Sack* numbered one (1). For each successive *Snow Sack* day two (2) through five (5), the corresponding *Snow Sack* assignment is to be completed. Students are to bring the completed work back to school when school resumes. One additional day will be given for completion of the work in case of questions, concerns or problems with the assignment.