

## **Online Day Plan - Calamity Day Policy**

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Update: Hope Learning Academy has adopted board- approved policy on calamity days and the use of Blizzard bags.



Districts and schools may use online instruction when it is necessary to close the school because of:

- Disease epidemic;
- Hazardous weather conditions;
- Law enforcement emergencies;
- Inoperability of school buses or other equipment necessary to the school's operation;
- Damage to a school building; or
- Other temporary circumstances due to utility failure rendering the school building unfit for school use.

If the school closes enough that it will fall below the minimum number of hours, the school must make up the hours by extending its scheduled year.

Once a Remote learning day has been announced, students will be required to complete packets or assignments online.



## Online Plan Calamity Day Policy

Prior to the first day of August of each school year, the governing authority of any community school established under Chapter 3314. that is not internet- or computer-based community school, as defined in section 3314.02 of the Revised Code, may adopt a plan to require students to access and complete classroom lessons posted on the school's web portal or web site in order to make up hours in that school year on which it is necessary to close the school for any of the reasons specified in division (H)(4) of section 3314.08 of the Revised Code so that the school is in compliance with the minimum number of hours required under Chapter 3314. of the Revised Code.

Districts and schools may use blizzard bags only when it is necessary to close the school because of:

- Disease epidemic;
- Hazardous weather conditions;
- Law enforcement emergencies;
- Inoperability of school buses or other equipment necessary to the school's operation;
- Damage to a school building; or
- Other temporary circumstances due to utility failure rendering the school building unfit for school use.

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Hours missed above the required minimum do not have to be made up. However, if a school closes enough that it will fall below the minimum number of hours, the school must make up the hours by extending its scheduled year.

A plan adopted by the community school governing authority shall provide for making up any number of hours, up to a maximum of the number of hours that are the equivalent of three school days.

- Not later than the first day of November of the school year, each classroom teacher shall develop a sufficient number of lessons for each course taught by the teacher that school year to cover the number of make-up hours specified in the plan
- To the extent possible and necessary, a classroom teacher shall update or replace, based on current instructional progress
- Each student enrolled in a course for which a lesson is posted on the portal or site shall be granted a two-week period from the date of posting to complete the lesson. The student's classroom teacher shall grade the lesson in the same manner as other lessons. The student may receive an incomplete or failing grade if the lesson is not completed on time.

If a student does not have access to a computer at the student's residence and the plan does not include blizzard bags under division (B) of this section, the student shall be permitted to work on the posted lessons at school after the student's school reopens. If the lessons were posted prior to the reopening, the student shall be granted a two-week period from the date of the reopening,

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Completion of Blizzard Bags are mandatory. If the student does not complete the lesson within this time period, the student will receive an incomplete or failing grade unless a reason sufficient to the teacher is provided.

Students without access to the internet or a printer at home will be provided a hard copy of their assignments prior to the closing or the day they return to school. Students using this option will be granted two weeks from the date of reopening to complete these lessons

## **HOPES Calamity Day "Blizzard Bag" Plan**

Once a Blizzard bag day/Remote learning day has been announced, students will be required to complete packets or assignments online. Classroom Teachers will develop three days of lessons and activities that allow our students to extend the learning happening in their classrooms at home via the Internet or paper/pencil copies.

## This is how it works:

1. Once a Blizzard bag/Remote Learning day has been announced, students will access assignments on our Google Classroom, and complete the work within two (2) weeks after we return. These assignments can either be completed online, printed or the students' answers can be recorded on notebook paper and returned.

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- 2. If the student does not have access to the internet, the student or parent can request to be given a packet of work when they return to class. They will have two (2) weeks to complete and return the work.
- 3. Students will be given packets labeled Day 1, Day 2, and Day 3 from the teacher. They will complete the work as each day is announced and turn in completed work. Parents and students will need to keep these assignments in a safe place so that they can be accessed on any particular "Blizzard Bag" /Remote Learning day.
- 4. The classroom Teacher and Special education teachers will be available via Google Classroom and email. Teachers may host "live" instruction or office hours via Google Meets.

These assignments are mandatory. If a student has not turned in their "Blizzard Bag" assignments within two weeks of the "Blizzard Bag" day, then the student will be counted absent and will receive an incomplete on the assignment.

HOPE's Governing Board, Superintendent, or School Leader may make amendments to this policy at any time to fit the circumstances.

