



# **Flexible Instructional Days (FID) Information Session**

**Palmerton Area School District  
December 14, 2021**



# What is a Flexible Instructional Day?

- An alternate approach (virtual) approved by the PA Department of Education (PDE) to delivering instruction if circumstances (inclement weather or other emergencies) arise that prevent in-person instruction.
- PASD has been approved to use five (5) Flexible Instructional Days (FID) for each of the following school years:
  - 2021-2022
  - 2022-2023
  - 2023-2024
- These days will not be used for COVID related closures.

# Will there still be snow days?

- PASD is still required to include make-up days in the district calendar
- PASD will use the three (3) built-in make-up days first and then FID days will be used in place of any additional school closures.
- 2021-2022 Make-up Days:  
January 17, February 18, April 14

# What is the benefit of a Flexible Instructional Day?

- Implementation of a Flexible Instructional Day (FID) will not require additional make-up days when school is canceled.
- A Flexible Instructional Day (FID) is considered a school day and counts toward the number of instructional days and hours required under the PA Department of Education Board regulations.

# How will I know if the district calls a Flexible Instructional Day (FID)?

- PASD will:
  - Provide an automated call to notify families of a Flexible Instructional Day
  - Post the notification on the district website
  - Post the notification on the local news/media sites

On all announcements PASD will designate if the school closure will be a Flexible Instructional Day (FID)

# What will the FID schedule look like?

- Morning – Synchronous sessions with teachers on Schoology
- Afternoon – Asynchronous (Independent) assignments
- Teachers will be available in the afternoon via email and Schoology messaging to assist students with questions.
- Schoology:
  - Student access : PASD website – Student Resources
  - Parent Information: PASD website – Parent Resources

# What will the FID schedule look like?

- Elementary:

8:30am - 8:45am

Log on to Schoology

8:45am - 11:45am

Synchronous Learning  
(Live lessons with teacher)

11:45am - 12:45pm

Lunch and Recess

12:45pm – 3:00pm

Asynchronous Learning  
(Independent assignments from teacher)

\* Teachers will be available in the afternoon via email and Schoology messaging to assist students with questions.

# What will the FID schedule look like?

- Jr. High School:

Pd. 1: 7:39am – 8:06am

Pd. 2: 8:09am – 8:35am

Pd. 3: 8:38am – 9:04am

Pd. 4: 9:07am – 9:33am

Pd. 5/6: 9:36 – 10:02am

Pd. 7: 10:05 – 10:31am

Pd. 8: 10:34 – 11:00am

\* Teachers will be available in the afternoon via email and Schoology messaging to assist students with questions.



# What will the FID schedule look like?

- Sr. High School:

Block 1: 7:45am – 8:35am

Block 2: 8:45am – 9:35am

Screen Break: 9:35am – 10:05am

Block 3: 10:05am – 10:55am

Block 4: 11:05am – 11:55am

\* Teachers will be available in the afternoon via email and Schoology messaging to assist students with questions.

# Will attendance count on Flexible Instructional Days?

- Yes, attendance will count on Flexible Instructional Days
- Students are required to attend morning sessions and complete independent assignments to be counted as present on a Flexible Instructional Day
- Students will turn in their assignments on the first day back from the Flexible Instructional Day

# What if a teacher or student is sick on a Flexible Instructional Day?

- Teacher:

An announcement will be posted on Schoology

Students will be given independent assignments for morning and afternoon sessions

- Students:

Write an excuse for the absence (just like a regular school day) and return it to school with the student.

# What if we do not have a device or internet access?

- All students will be provided with Flexible Instructional Day materials on Wednesday, January 12<sup>th</sup>.  
(Materials will be updated throughout the year as necessary.)
- Complete the assignments for the appropriate Flexible Instructional Day and return to school/teacher on the next school day.

# What if we experience technology issues or lose power and/or internet?

- If students experience issues with Schoology or a school issued device, questions should be directed to [tech.dept@palmerton.org](mailto:tech.dept@palmerton.org)
- Internet issues should be directed to your internet provider
- Students should complete the Flexible Instructional Day assignments provided by their teacher(s) and return the completed assignments to their teacher(s) on the first day back to school after the Flexible Instructional Day.

# Will FID assignments be graded?

- Grading of FID assignments will be up to the discretion of the teacher.

# My child has an IEP, will his/her lesson be modified appropriately?

- Flexible Instructional Day lessons will be designed utilizing program modifications, specially designed instruction, and supplementary aids and services identified in individualized education plans (IEP).
- Upon return to school, teachers of students with special needs will review student work to check for completion and understanding.
- Related services (Speech, Occupational Therapy, etc.) scheduled during the Flexible Instructional Day will be rescheduled according to the frequency requirements of the IEP. Students receiving speech services have received instructional practices packets to complete during FID Days.

# **Will meals be served on Flexible Instructional Days?**

- Meals will not be provided on Flexible Instructional Days



# Will after school activities and athletics be canceled?

- After school activities and athletics will not be held if school is canceled due to inclement weather
- Exceptions may be made by administration if a Flexible Instructional Day is used for a reason other than inclement weather.

# Questions...

