

JESSAMINE COUNTY SCHOOLS

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Dear Jessamine Schools Families:

I'm excited to share with you that Jessamine County Schools is one of 32 districts that has been granted approval to offer "Non-Traditional Instruction" (NTI) days during the 2015-2016 school year. This plan will allow the opportunity for all Jessamine students to be engaged in meaningful learning on inclement weather or emergency days when conditions prevent schools from being in session.

WHAT IS NON-TRADITIONAL INSTRUCTION?

Non-Traditional Instruction simply allows for the continuation of learning when students miss days of regular instruction. Students will have the opportunity for skill reinforcement, remediation and enrichment through electronic or conventional paper lessons. The Kentucky Department of Education has granted JCS 10 NTI days this school year, on which students will be expected to continue learning "off-site" (home, daycare, etc.). All materials will be provided by your child's teachers and students are expected to return completed work the next day school is in session.

We will begin utilizing the NTI plan on December 1, 2015 and after that date, the first 10 snow or emergency days will be counted as NTI days, meaning they will NOT be made up at the conclusion of the 2015-2016 school year.

HOW WILL NTI DAYS WORK?

Students with Internet access will be able to complete work electronically from home or another location using educational computer programs that are already familiar to your child. Schools will make accommodations for students who do not have Internet access. Each school's NTI plan will be tailored to their particular students; in the coming days, you will receive information from your child's school with more specific, detailed information.

WHAT DO FAMILIES NEED TO DO NOW?

- 1. Watch for information on the NTI plan from your child's school.
- 2. Promptly respond to requests for information about Internet access or other questions.
- 3. Talk with your child about expectations for completion of his/her work on NTI days and make any necessary arrangements, such as allowing for Internet access or talking with your child's daycare about these plans.

We are proud to have been selected as one of the districts to offer NTI days. As a model for the state, we anticipate that we will learn lessons along the way and continue to make necessary adjustments to improve our NTI plan to best meet the needs of our students. We welcome your feedback and invite you to share information with us about how it is working for your family. If you have further questions, please talk with your child's principal or see a list of FAQ's on the district website at www.jessamine.kyschools.us. Thank you for joining us on this journey as we strive to provide your child with learning opportunities, regardless of weather or walls!

Sincerely,

Kathy Fields, Superintendent

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