

Alternate Method of Instruction - DELTA RV AMI Days

Questions & Answers

Q: Why is the district implementing an Alternate Method of Instruction plan?

A: In a nutshell, the answer is “To improve student learning”. It is very difficult to maintain sequential, cohesive instruction when students are out of school in an unplanned manner such as a snow day. Therefore, Delta RV students will be able to review taught concepts that will (a) keep material fresh in students’ minds and (b) will minimize instructional disruptions. In addition, while most students enjoy an occasional snow day, many students bore quickly and often involve themselves with counterproductive tasks or activities. Instructional work will provide students a positive, intentional focus that will help pass their time. An additional plus is that more continuous learning will allow students to be better prepared for spring testing dates that cannot be changed, even if students miss multiple days of preparation in the winter months.

Q: Will the AMI days have to be “made up”?

A: No. Due to our extensive planning for intentional instruction on those days and DESE subsequent approval of our plan, we will not add days onto the school calendar to “make up” the AMI days.

Q: My child does not have access to a computer and/or the Internet. How will he/she do the work?

A: Each school will make accommodations for students who do not have access to technology. Hard copy packets will be created for students in case students do not have access to computers or the Internet.

Q: When are assignments due to be returned?

A: Work completed electronically should be submitted online on the missed day of school. Paper assignments will be due the next day that school is in session. In the event, hard copy packets were not available prior to the missed day, students will receive packets upon returning to school and the teacher will give adequate time for students to complete the material (i.e. weekend or multiple nights).

Q: How long should it take for my child to complete the AMI assignments?

A: Each student will work at his/her own pace so the time required to complete the work will vary depending on the child; however, students are not expected to do school work for the entire day.

Q: Am I expected to teach my child new content while he/she is working on AMI assignments?

A: NO. The AMI instructional materials are designed to review and reinforce previously-taught concepts and not represent new teaching components.

Q: What if my child has questions about the AMI work assignments or trouble while he/she is completing the work?

A: Classroom teachers will be available to students to assist them on AMI days. Your child’s teacher will notify you about how he/she plans to communicate with students to answer questions about student assignments on these days. This may include email or other electronic means or by phone.