



Virtual Snow Day Expectations 2020-2021

Overview:

During the 2020-2021 school year the Winterset Community School District will utilize Virtual Snow Days in order to avoid making up numerous days at the end of the school year. The district will not implement more than **3** cumulative and/or consecutive Virtual Snow Days. Any additional snow days beyond 3 days will be added to the end of the school year. A Virtual Snow Day will allow students to participate in academic activities offsite and will be counted as an official school day. When a Virtual Snow Day occurs, communication will be delivered via *Infinite Campus*. In the event of a Virtual Snow Day there will be no Junior High activities, but some High School activities may take place if indicated by the Activities Director. A decision on High School activities will be communicated via *Infinite Campus* and other district social media no later than 12:00 P.M.

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| What is a Virtual Snow Day? | <p>District-wide Expectations</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A Virtual Snow Day will be declared due to inclement weather. 2. Virtual Snow Days will count as official school days. Work will be graded. See attendance section for how students will be marked present or absent. |
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| Attendance | <p>District-wide Expectations:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. All schools will take attendance for Virtual Snow Days through work completion. 2. Students will have up to 5 days following the Virtual Snow Day date to complete assignments to be counted present for the day. |
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| Teacher Responsibilities: | <p>HS Expectations:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. There will be no live (Online) instruction on a virtual snow day. 2. Google Classroom, Infinite Campus messenger, or email communication with assignments, instructions, and |



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| | <p>other pertinent information will be sent by the classroom teacher no later than 10:00am.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">3. Students will be counted present for the virtual snow day through assignment completion. All assigned work needs to be turned in no more than 5 days after the virtual snow day.4. Teachers will check email on an hourly basis (from 7:30-3:30) to answer questions from students/parents.5. Teachers will need to communicate to students/families the one hour that will be dedicated as an “office hour” for availability. |
| | <p>JH Expectations:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. There will be no required live (Online) instruction on a virtual snow day.2. Google Classroom, Infinite Campus messenger, or email communication with assignments, instructions, and other pertinent information will be sent by the classroom teacher no later than 10:00am.3. Students will be counted present for the virtual snow day through assignment completion. All assigned work needs to be turned in no more than 5 days after the virtual snow day.4. Teachers will check email hourly (from 7:30-3:30) to answer questions from students/parents.5. Teachers will need to communicate to students/families the one hour dedicated as an “office hour” for availability. |
| | <p>MS Expectations:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. There will be no required live (Online) instruction on a virtual snow day.2. Teachers will send home a packet of |



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| | <p>activities labeled “Snow day 1” to reflect which packet needs to be completed on each snow day.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">3. Packets will include all core subject areas and specials to complete each virtual snow day. Packets will be created by Winterset CSD teachers.4. Email, Infinite Campus, or Seesaw communication with instructions and other pertinent information will be sent by the classroom teacher no later than 10:00 A.M.5. Students will be counted present for the virtual snow day through assignment completion. All assigned work needs to be turned in no more than 5 days after the virtual snow day.6. Teachers will check email hourly (from 7:30-3:30) to answer questions from students/parents.7. Teachers will need to communicate to students/families the hour dedicated as an “office hour” for availability. |
| | <p>Elementary Expectations</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. There will be no required live (Online) instruction on a virtual snow day.2. Teachers will send home a packet of activities labeled “Snow day 1” to reflect which packet needs to be completed on each snow day.3. Packets will include all core subject areas and specials to complete each virtual snow day. Packets will be created by Winterset CSD teachers.4. Email, Infinite Campus, or Seesaw communication with instructions and other pertinent information will be sent by the classroom teacher no later than 10:00 A.M.5. Students will be counted present for the virtual snow day through assignment completion. All assigned |



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| | <p>work needs to be turned in no more than 5 days after the virtual snow day.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 6. Teachers will check email hourly (from 7:30-3:30) to answer questions from students/parents. 7. Teachers will need to communicate to students/families the hour dedicated as an “office hour” for availability. |
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| <p>Parent/Student Responsibilities:</p> | <p>District-Wide Expectations</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Establish daily routines for engaging in the learning experiences. 2. Identify a space in your home where you can work effectively and successfully. 3. Monitor online platforms daily (email and Google classroom or SeeSaw). 4. Engage in all learning with academic honesty. 5. Communicate proactively with your teachers if you cannot meet deadlines or require additional support. 6. Comply with district policies regarding Internet Safety and Acceptable Use. |
| <p>How Students will be Graded:</p> | <p>District-Wide Expectations:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Each teacher on a child’s schedule will provide independent practice tasks or small group tasks for students to complete via learning packet, SeeSaw, or Google Classroom. 2. Grades will be issued for the work that is assigned on a Virtual Snow Day. 3. Students will have 5 days to turn work in to be counted present. |



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| Special Education Services | Special Education In addition to the building and district expectations: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. PreK-12- special education teachers:<ol style="list-style-type: none">a. will send activities to support the skills the students are working on in SDI.b. will communicate with parents/students when office hours will be to support students in areas they may need help.2. Teachers of students who participate in Extended Core:<ol style="list-style-type: none">a. will send activities to support the skills the students are working on in SDI.b. will communicate with parents/students when office hours will be to support students in areas they may need help.c. If core assignments are not appropriate for students, teachers will provide alternate assignments to be used to count as attendance. |
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| Technology Platforms Used & Where Parents/Students Will Go to Access Course Content: | District-Wide Expectations: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. All assigned work will be sent via SeeSaw (PreK-6) and Google Classroom (7-12) no later than 10:00 A.M. on a Virtual Snow Day |
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| <p>Teacher to Student Communication: Frequency and General Timelines</p> | <p>District-Wide Expectations:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Post learning tasks on at least one of the following platforms (IC, SeeSaw, or Google Classroom) by 10:00 A.M. on the day a virtual snow day has been declared.2. Teachers will check and respond to email hourly (from 7:30-3:30) to answer questions from students/parents.3. Teachers will need to communicate to students/families the one hour dedicated as an “office hour” for availability. |
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As is the case with our Return to Learn Plan this document is fluid and will change and be updated as the conditions within our district continue to change. We will also work to continuously improve our online learning environment for our students based on feedback and what we learn throughout the year.