

## **Bradford CUSD #1 Alternative Learning Day Plan**

The Bradford CUSD #1 School District will implement an Alternative Learning Day in the event school must be canceled and we have previously used 5 snow days. School Code Section 10-20.56 created guidelines in the definition of an Alternative Day.

At Bradford CUSD #1, we feel it is important to make up the first five snow days in order to account for the loss of in-person learning caused by the snow/emergency day. In the event of a sixth or more snow/emergency day, we would then implement an Alternative Learning Day.

### **Snow/Emergency Day(s) #1- #5**

- The students will make up the day at the end of the year.

### **Snow/Emergency Day(s) #6 or more**

- The students will have an Alternative Learning Day

## **What is an Alternative Learning Day?**

An Alternative Learning Day approach allows us to provide an “instructional day” even if our building is not open due to weather conditions/etc. On these days, students will consult the provided Alternative Learning Choice Board and choose activities appropriate to their grade levels and scheduled subject areas. The work completed by the students on the emergency day(s) is to be submitted back to their teacher(s) upon their return to school, along with Choice Boards with a parent/guardians initials. Teachers will be available to students/parents from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm by email. For many teachers, other systems may work better than email (Google Classroom, Class Dojo, etc.) Teachers will respond within a reasonable amount of time to student or parent requests. The Choice Board sheets and completed activities (when appropriate) are due the day we return, signed by a parent or guardian, in order for students to be counted as “present”. This will also be a means for tracking student attendance. Teachers have shared information with students regarding the Alternative Learning Choice Board activities and expectations.

Please keep the choice boards handy at home in the event of a snow/emergency day(s) #6. The choice boards can also be found on our school website.

### **Won't this look different at each grade level?**

Each grade level looks uniquely different every day, so yes, this Alternative Learning Day may look different. Our teachers have collaborated and will continue to collaborate to collectively develop activities that are grade level appropriate. Activities on the Choice Boards are differentiated and allow for a large range of student choice in practice and format. The Alternative Choice Board of activities will be grouped as follows: Pre-K, K-2, 3-5, 6-8.

- Students in **Pre-K** will be required to complete 2 activities from the Choice Board.
- Students in grades **K-2** will be required to complete 3 activities from the Choice Board.
- Students in grades **3-5** will be required to complete 4 activities from the Choice Board.
- Students in grades **6-8** will be required to complete 5 activities from the Choice Board.
- **Special Education** teachers will provide their students with the Choice Board with appropriate activities based on student needs and IEP goals.

### **Will students be penalized for not completing activities on the Alternative Choice Board?**

We want to be clear, these days are meant to enhance learning and be formative in nature. On the day students return to school, the Choice Board sheets must be turned in and signed by a parent or guardian along with completed activity paperwork. Otherwise, the student will be counted as absent. In the event that we experience multiple days out of school, the daily requirement for each grade level will be applied. For example, if we are out of school for two days, a sixth through eighth grade student will be required to complete a total of ten activities to receive credit and not be counted as absent.