

Alternative Methods of Instruction (AMI) Information

1. If school is cancelled due to the following circumstances: ice, snow, extreme cold, excessive heat, flooding, tornadoes, utility outages, outbreak of contagious disease, etc., we will be forgiven up to 36 school hours. This requires that teachers continue to provide educational opportunities for students through review and reinforcement of previously taught skills. Learning new content is not appropriate on these days.

2. Students in kindergarten-4th grades will be provided paper packets once we reach the threshold for hours in excess of the state requirement. Assignments may include some internet-based activities and websites. Students will have one week from the assigned date to turn in assignments.

3. Students in 5th-8th grades will be provided assignments through Google Classroom. These assignments will be posted with directions for completion no later than 9 am the day of the cancellation. Students will have one week to turn in all assignments.

4. Students who do not complete the work by the due date will be marked absent and will receive a zero for any incomplete assignments (unless internet-based and power outages have occurred and the internet is non-accessible).

Hardeman teachers will closely follow DESE's recommendations for daily instructional time for distance learning:

- Grades K-1 Approximately 45 minutes (chunked into 5-10 minute learning segments)
- Grades 2-3 Approximately 60-75 minutes (chunked into 10-15 minute learning segments)
- Grades 4-5 Approximately 90 minutes (chunked into 20-minute learning segments)
- Grades 6-12 Approximately 3 hours total (30 minutes for each class, and after 15 minutes it is strongly encouraged for students to get up and move)

4. All full-time teachers will be accessible to students/parents for help through their staff email from 7:45-3:15 and will check their email hourly (unless power outages have occurred and the internet is inaccessible). Part-time teachers will be accessible during their teaching time.

In the event of school closure, we will continue to notify all guardians as we have in the past, via Remind text alerts and KMMO announcement.

Text Alert (Remind app) Instructions

Encourage families to sign up for text alerts (classroom and district) if they haven't already. Use this number 81010 and text message the following numbers that are relevant to you:

- @hh12345 (all parents)
- @bb12345 (basketball parents)
- @cc12345 (cheerleading parents)