

The Department of Elementary and Secondary Education approved Hardeman R-X's Alternative Method of Instruction Plan (AMI) and Alternative Method of Instruction Extension Plan (AMI-X). Here is what you need to know:

AMI

1. Beginning in school year 2020-21, districts will not be required to make up 36 school hours that are cancelled due to exceptional or emergency circumstances which include but are not limited to: ice, snow, extreme cold, excessive heat, flooding, tornadoes, utility outages, outbreak of contagious disease, etc.
2. Teachers will continue to provide educational opportunities for their students. As the above circumstances would be considered short-term, the teachers will only be providing review and reinforcement of previously taught skills.
3. Teachers will provide electronic/web based activities through Google Classroom, or they will provide paper packets/worksheets. The teachers chosen method will depend on grade level, content area, and how each parent/guardian answered registration questions regarding home access to internet and devices. For those who indicated they **do not have internet and device access**, your child will be provided paper packets/worksheets. For those who indicated they **do have internet and device access**, the teachers may provide electronic/web based activities; again, this is dependent upon grade level and content area.
4. Students who do not complete the work will be marked absent and will receive a zero for any incomplete assignments.
5. Teachers will be accessible to all their students/parents for questions, clarification, and feedback through their staff email from 8:00-3:00 on AMI days. They will check their email hourly.
6. Attendance will be determined by electronic submission of lessons or completion of paper packets/worksheets that are to be turned in the next day of attendance.
7. Teachers will have paper packets/worksheets ready for distribution at 1st quarter conferences. They will send updated packets/worksheets at the end of 2nd quarter. These packets will have three days of lessons in case we have multiple days out in a row. For those who have access to internet and devices, their teachers will post assignments to their Google Classroom by 9:00 am on the days we are not in session.

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

- 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)

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.

Hardeman administration anticipates that we will learn lessons along the way and we will make necessary adjustments to improve our AMI plan to best meet the needs of our students.