



ATHOL-ROYALSTON REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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The Athol-Royalston Regional School District is committed to providing challenging educational experiences that inspire students to acquire the knowledge and skills to become responsible citizens in the global community.

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Dear Parents, Faculty and Staff,

As we all know, due to COVID, this year is different from any other year we have seen. As we begin the winter months, I believe we now can continue school remotely on snow days. So the district will follow the following procedures:

- The district will call a snow day by no later than 7:00 PM the day before the storm to give families time to make arrangements for daycare if needed and give the bus companies time to notify their drivers.
- During winter months, all students will take home Chromebooks if there is potential snow the next day. Teachers will let the students know that if a snow day is called, they will work remotely, and if a snow day is not called, they will bring all materials back the next day.
- Teachers will, once notified, post on their Google Classroom or Seesaw within two hours of being notified work for the students to do on the snow day. Students should download work locally to their Chromebook before the storm starts.
- On the day of the snow day, if the teacher has Internet access, they should be online teaching classes as they usually would through Google Meet. Students should log on if they have the Internet and take part.
- "If the teacher or the student does not have the Internet due to the storm, the student has five school days to complete and pass in assigned work.
- All special education, title one, and paraprofessionals will go online if they have Internet and participate in the class if it is being held. If it is not, the special education teacher, Title 1 and paraprofessional, should divide up their students and call each of them to see if they need support during the day.
- All other district staff, such as administrators, administrative assistants, cafeteria workers, and custodial staff, should contact their immediate supervisor for directions about whether they will need to come into the building or work from home on a given assignment.
- IEP/504 meetings will still be held on snow days remotely as long as participants have the Internet. If the participants are unable to make the meeting remotely, the meeting would be rescheduled.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions regarding this matter.

Thank you,

Darcy Fernandes
Superintendent
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