



SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT #48

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Remote Instruction Plan for SAU48

What is Remote Instruction?

Remote Instruction in New Hampshire is most commonly referred to as a “Blizzard Bag” day. The purpose of a Remote Instruction Day is to allow students the ability to use time out of the classroom due to snow, inclement weather or other emergency days to qualify as school days.

Why would SAU48 make a decision to offer remote instruction?

Due to the fluid situation with COVID-19, preventative measures such as remote instruction, may be instituted to ensure the safety and health of our students, staff and families.

Why would a school district use a remote instruction plan?

A school cancellation day disrupts the learning process. A typical Blizzard Bag requires at least an 80% attendance rate in order to count as a school day. However, with the COVID-19 outbreak the New Hampshire Department of Education is waiving this requirement.

How will students in grades K through 3 be supported?

Students in grades K-3 will receive work provided to them prior to the beginning of the remote learning plan and/or through the mail. Students in grades K-3 will not be expected to log into a Google Classroom or visit a website for materials and assignments.

How will students in grades K through 12 be supported?

Students in grades 4 - 12 will be expected to log into their teachers Google Classroom and/or website on a regular daily basis to receive their instructional materials and assignments. If teachers do not have a Google Classroom or Website communication will occur through email. Students are expected to email their teachers with questions about the work they receive.

How will high school students know if they have a “A Day” or a “B Day”?

The administrators at PRHS will communicate what schedule will be followed for each day where remote instruction is implemented. Please check the PRHS website for updates at [Plymouth Regional High School / Homepage](#)

What happens if my child needs help with an assignment or has questions?

Teachers will be available to answer questions via email from 10:00am - 12:00pm and from 1:00pm - 2:30pm. Teacher emails will be available on each school’s website.

How long will my child have to complete assignments?

We are requesting that assignment be passed in within 48 hours of being assigned. Please work with your teacher and building administrator for specifics.

How will student work be submitted?

Students will be able to submit work by sending it directly to their teacher by email. If the assignment was not done in a digital format, a picture or scan of the work can be provided.

My child has special needs? How will he/she work on assignments?

Special education teachers, related services providers, and specialists will work with classroom teachers to modify assignments as appropriate and to identify how best to provide remote instruction for individual students. These may include online or virtual instruction, instructional telephone calls, therapy activities, and other curriculum-based instructional activities such as sending assignments and materials home. Once school resumes, schools will make every effort to resume providing special education and related services to students in accordance with their individualized education plan (IEP).

What if my special needs student has an IEP meeting and school is closed?

Schools are looking at options such as holding meetings on an earlier date, conducting meetings by phone, etc. Special education teachers will reach out to families individually if this becomes necessary.

What if a student is being evaluated for special education?

Schools will be working to complete current evaluations in a timely manner.

My family doesn't have internet access at home?

The school will work with families that do not have access to the internet to send work home through the regular mail. Work received may be in print format and/or work received on a thumb/flash drive.

My family doesn't have a Computer or Chromebook at home?

Schools will allow students to take home Chromebooks to use for Remote Instruction. Parents will be asked to sign a technology sign out sheet so that the school can keep a proper inventory of equipment. The technology sign out form can be found [here](#).

How much work will my child receive?

Assignments or activities should take 25 to 40 minutes per content area or 3-4 hours for all of the work to be done for the day. Individualized work is typically more focused. Students working alone will make better use of their time resulting in "time on task" equivalent to approximately 4 hours.

Should my child be working on school work for the exact number of hours he/she is in school?

No. Five to six hours of constant school work without lunch breaks, recess, moving between classes etc., would be difficult for any child.

Do I need to help my child?

No. Your child should be able to complete most activities independently, though they may want to email, or go online with their teachers. Teachers will be available during the day to: clarify directions, answer questions, make suggestions for additional resources, and to explain concepts.

What if my child is sick and does not do the assignment?

A child who is excused due to illness will have the same amount of time to make up the work as with any absence.

How will parents be informed on how to access student assignments?

Teachers are being asked to submit their method of communication on a Google Sheet that will be available on the SAU48 website and each school's website. The information will include the following:

1. Teacher Name
2. Grade and/or Subject Area
3. Mode of Communication: This will either be a Google Classroom Code, A website URL, or simply "take home materials provided"