

BROCKWAY AREA SCHOOL DISTRICTS PLAN FOR FLEXIBLE INSTRUCTIONAL DAYS

The Brockway Area School District has been approved by the Pennsylvania Department of Education to provide our students with up to five Flexible Instructional Days (Virtual Days) for the 2020-2023 school years. When a situation arises, such as hazardous weather conditions or other emergency circumstances, the school district will provide educational instruction virtually rather than “in-person.” According to the Pennsylvania Department of Education, these days will count toward the state mandate of 180 instructional days and will not require the school district to adjust the board approved calendar.

Students, parents, guardians, and professional staff will be notified through various outlets, including the district’s “One Call Now,” local radio and television channels, and social media platforms. These notifications will be sent out using these outlets either the evening before or the morning of the assigned Flexible Instructional Day.

How will Flexible Instructional Days work for the Brockway Area School District?

***All teachers and students will follow a two-hour delay schedule. Instruction at BOTH buildings will begin at 10:15 AM.**

Grades K-12

*Teachers will use Google Classroom to conduct virtual lessons with a live component during students’ regularly scheduled class times on a 2-hour delay.

*This will include special areas, electives, Title and special education teachers.

*Teachers will be available to answer student/parent questions via Google Classroom or email until 3:00 PM.

*A device and/or hotspot will be distributed only to those students in need. Hotspots will be activated the morning of a Flexible Instructional Day.

*Student attendance will be conducted by means of completed work and the daily teacher/student contact.

*Students who were not present during the virtual instruction or had technical difficulties must still complete all of their assignments. They will have three days following the FID to turn in their work, or they will be marked absent.

Student Responsibilities

*Students are required to be academically engaged starting at 10:15 AM and conclude at regularly scheduled dismissal times.

*Students will have the opportunity to view the lessons at a later time in case of scheduling conflicts at home.

*If students are unable or have technical difficulty in completing their assignments, they are expected to notify their teacher. These students will have three days to turn in their work.

*Students who were **NOT** present during the Flexible Instructional Day or have not completed the assignments after three days upon returning to school are required to submit a written parent excuse. This is in accordance with district policy and the Compulsory School Attendance law.

*Students do **NOT** need to report virtually to study halls and report room.

Staff Responsibilities

*Teachers in Grades K-12 will use Google Classroom and Google Meet to conduct synchronous lessons with a live component. Lessons will be recorded and posted to your Google Classroom upon completion.

*Teachers will be available until 3:00 PM to respond to student/parent questions.

*Teachers will have the opportunity to conduct their virtual day from their classroom if they wish. (This is optional.)

*Teachers will be responsible for taking daily and class attendance.

*Teachers must follow all specially designed instruction and modifications outlined in a student's IEP.

Teachers will be able to track student participation by...

*The collection of assigned class materials upon the return to school

*The completion of assignments through submission via Google Classroom

*Classroom discussions using Google Meet

*Student presence is assessed in Google Classroom using the teacher prescribed method and recorded in Focus.