



Hopkins County Schools SKILLS Days Kindergarten-Grade 12

What is a Hopkins County Schools SKILLS Day?

In response to the large number of snow days in recent years, Hopkins County was one of the districts granted a Non-Traditional Day waiver. In Hopkins County, these days are known as SKILLS days (**Still Keeping It about Learning Lessons with Students**). This very detailed plan outlines how instruction will be delivered for **ALL** Kindergarten through Grade 12 students during a day when school is not open due to unforeseen circumstances (i.e., weather related or illness related days). The planned result is less loss in instructional time and increased ability to learn new content when school is back in session.

Delivery:

Study Island, an online program aligned to state standards that reinforces critical skills, will be used to provide instruction on SKILLS days for most students (students in specialized classrooms or high school elective or Advanced Placement courses may have alternative assignments). The students will receive access to the SKILLS assignments upon returning to school in the event they are unable to access the Internet on a SKILLS day.

When:

SKILLS days typically will not be used prior to January 1st unless schools must close for several days prior to the winter break due to inclement weather or other extraordinary situations.

Content:

Study Island will be used to provide learning opportunities for most students on a SKILLS day. The assignments are designed to serve as a review of content previously covered during instructional time. An informational sheet will be sent home to explain how to access the materials online. Students in specialized classrooms or high school elective or Advanced Placement courses will receive information from their teacher about the assignments they should complete on SKILLS days. Upon return to school, paper packets or computer access will be provided for students who were unable to access the materials at home.

Communications:

Not every school closure will result in a SKILLS Day. Parents and guardians will receive an Infinite Campus Messenger call announcing SKILLS days and explaining which assignment students should complete. The information will also be released to the local media and radio stations, and it will be posted on the Hopkins County School district website and Facebook page.

Accountability:

Students will be expected to complete all tasks assigned during a SKILLS day. Extended time will be available for students who could not complete the assignments due to extenuating circumstances. Students will have up to five days to complete assignments after a SKILLS day.

Availability:

Parents will be able to contact teachers via email and/or school phone between the hours of 12:00 pm-2:00 pm.

Questions?

Contact your child's teacher or school principal.
Contact the Hopkins County Board of Education at 270-825-6000.