



"AMI"- Frequently Asked Questions

What is "AMI?"

Jonesboro Public Schools has received approval from the State to use "Alternative Methods of Instruction" (AMI) on days where we have inclement weather and must cancel school. We will refer to "AMI Days" when we talk about using these as "Make Up Snow Days" this year, and we will take advantage of using this new way of teaching and learning on these days.

When regular school is cancelled and it is considered to be an "AMI Day," students will be given assignments for their class(es) that have been predetermined by their teachers. These assignments are consistent for various grades and subjects throughout the district and will be based on existing knowledge. They are to be completed at home within 5 days of returning to school and graded accordingly. It is our goal that "AMI Days" enable us to continue learning despite the uncontrollable elements of the weather, not allowing inclement weather to push our school calendar into June.

"AMI Days" will be used each time we have inclement weather this school year. Please ask your child's principal if you have questions about this practice. Our inclement weather policies and procedures are detailed on our website here.

How/when will the AMI assignments be given to students?

The Jonesboro School District will have lessons available online and hard copy/paper packets for students in grades Pre K - 12. Whenever possible, students will be given the AMI assignment upon receiving the forecast of inclement weather. If inclement weather occurs without advance warning, students will be able to access lessons online or given the assignment upon returning to school.

What if my student does not have a computer or internet access?

For any online assignments, the students will have 5 days to complete the AMI assignment, so it can be done at school if a student does not have a computer at home or does not have access to internet there. A student can complete the AMI assignment before/after the snow day at school.

When will the AMI assignment be due?

Students will have 5 school days after the missed day to complete the AMI assignment(s).

What material is going to be covered on the AMI assignments?

The AMI assignments will be based grade level assignments and pacing guides.

These assignments will reflect the power standards prioritized by our district, which are those learning standards that are essential grade-level learning for each student.

What if my student needs help with the AMI assignment?

Teachers will be available to help with the AMI assignments, before, during, and after the AMI day. Parents and/or students can pose questions of their teacher via Google Classroom, email, or upon return.

What is the penalty for not completing the AMI assignment?

Teachers are required to assess and record student AMI work. Students who fail to complete the AMI assignment will not receive credit for that assignment.

How many AMI days will we have in one school year?

We have been approved for 5 AMI days this school year.

What does this mean for JPS employees?

We expect our teachers to collaborate on these AMI assignments to make them the best they can be for our students and to also make themselves available for questions if needed on the actual AMI days.

When students return to school, teachers will be required to assess and record all student work completed during the AMI day within 5 days of its due date.

Supervisors of Classified employees will receive instruction in regard to their responsibilities on AMI days.