

# MOUNTAIN VIEW SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Act 862 of 2017 allows a public school district and open-enrollment public charter school to develop a plan for alternative methods of instruction to be used on days when the superintendent closes school due to exceptional or emergency circumstances. The public school district's alternative instruction plan shall demonstrate how teaching and learning in the public school district will not be negatively impacted by the use of alternative methods of instruction.

The Arkansas Department of Education has approved the Mountain View School District's Alternative Methods of Instruction Plan (AMI). Specifically, the district's plan was approved for five (5) AMI days. The district has eight (8) snow days already built into the calendar. This means that the district can miss eight (8) days, without using any AMI days, and still end school on May 25, 2018. If the district misses school due to weather or other emergencies, the Superintendent will determine if one of the eight (8) snow days or an AMI day will be used.

If the Superintendent determines that AMI days are needed, parents will be notified by the district's call system. Since network connectivity in each student's home cannot be ensured, the Mountain View School District will create Saturday School Packets. When students return to school following a school cancellation, teachers will distribute the packets. These packets will be developed by teachers at each grade level and will be predominantly composed of materials from each of the four core subject areas. The learning activities within these packets will focus on enrichment in an effort to provide students the opportunity to master important skills at a deeper level. The packets will also include sections devoted to previously tested skills that need improvement. In addition Renaissance, ACT Aspire, and ACT materials may be included. Students will complete the packets at home during a weekend following the school cancellation. Teachers of record will grade these packets. Grades will be entered in the eSchool TAC system and included in each student's report card calculations.

Student completion of the Saturday School Packet will determine if he/she is counted present on the AMI day. Students completing Saturday School Packets will be counted present for the snow/emergency closure day even though they will NOT physically be in attendance at school. In the event that a student is unable to complete a Saturday School Packet due to illness or other excused events, the building principal (or designee) will give the student an appropriate amount of time to make up the work for that day.

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