

NOTICE TO FAMILIES OF KPDSB SECONDARY STUDENTS

Inclement Weather Days (Snow Days) and Virtual Learning

January 15, 2021

Please be aware that we are revising our inclement weather (snow day) protocols to include offering virtual learning options for students who are not able to safely attend school in-person due to inclement weather and/or school bus cancellations.

With the current quadmester system in secondary schools, we recognize that inclement weather and bus cancellations, which result in missed class time for many students, can have an even greater impact. One missed day of class in the quadmester system is equal to missing two days of class in a semester system. With this in mind and in order to try and reduce the impact of inclement weather days, we are implementing new protocols in secondary schools that will take effect as of Monday, January 18, 2021.

Inclement weather days will now include virtual instruction for secondary students who cannot physically attend school. Schools will still be open for students who wish to attend and can safely do so. Students who cannot attend in-person and do not have access to internet to join their classes virtually will work on a package of work that has been set to be accessed offline on their Chromebooks, or a paper package of work that would be provided ahead of time.

While this is a departure from previous practice, we feel it is an important step to take to support secondary students in their academic achievement.

Sincerely,



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