



## AACMS Virtual/Remote Learning Days Fact Sheet

The Arts Academy Charter Middle School (AACMS) may declare a *Virtual/Remote Learning Day* when school is closed because of inclement weather or AACMS emergency. The AACMS will communicate that a Virtual Learning Day has been activated by sending a text message and email and posting an announcement to our website and social media pages.

AACMS is excited to take advantage of this flexibility. We believe Virtual/Remote Learning Day will enable the continuous learning of students, allow families to rely on the board-approved AACMS calendar, and eliminate the need for "makeup days".

### What You Need to Know About Virtual/Remote Learning Days

- **Purpose of a Virtual/Remote Learning Day**

A Virtual/Remote Learning Day is in place of the traditional school closing for inclement weather or an AACMS emergency. As such, there will be no need to make the day up, as school is in session in a virtual format.

- **PDE Requirements**

Virtual/Remote Learning Days must meet Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) criteria, meaning the virtual learning assignments must align to our board-approved curriculum—not just be busy work.

- **Communication to Families**

Communication regarding virtual activities for the day will come from your child's teacher as soon as possible, but no later than the morning of the weather event or AACMS emergency.

- **Instructional Format (Asynchronous Learning)**

Students will not report to a virtual classroom to receive live instruction during the school day on Virtual/Remote Learning Day. Instead, they will access their work through the AACMS's classroom management platform (Schoology) and complete the virtual work at their own pace (asynchronous).

- **Attendance Requirements**

AACMS will track attendance based on student work completion. Per PDE guidelines, students must complete and submit the virtual learning assignments electronically on the day of the Virtual/Remote Learning Day or immediately upon arriving at school the following day to receive attendance credit.

- **Absences and Illness**

Students will be marked with an unexcused absence if they do not complete the work unless the student is reported off for illness. Students who are ill will need to make up the work upon returning to school.

- **Reporting an Illness**

If your child is ill, please follow our regular absenteeism reporting procedure, by emailing [attendance@aacms.org](mailto:attendance@aacms.org) or dialing 610-351-0234, option 1 to report an absence.

- **Staff Availability**

Professional and instructional-based support staff will be available to support students through their school-issued email and Schoology accounts under a normal [two-hour delay schedule](#). Teachers may hold virtual office hours throughout the day.

- **Technology Access Support**

Households without access to technology (device, internet, or both) should contact their child's teacher or the Main Office at [mainoffice@aacms.org](mailto:mainoffice@aacms.org) for assistance and may be given a reasonable extension to complete the assigned work.

For additional information and FAQs, visit the AACMS website at [www.aacms.org](http://www.aacms.org)