

Armored School District
Alternative Method of Instruct (AMI) Plan
2017-2018

Arkansas Legislators passed a law (ACT 862) to allow a public school to develop a plan for the use of an alternative method of instruction on days when school is cancelled.

Link to the ACT: <http://www.arkleg.state.ar.us/assembly/2017/2017R/Acts/Act862.pdf>

Armored School District's plan was approved for the 2017-2018 school year. According to our plan, if we were to cancel school due to inclement weather, contagious disease outbreak, utility outage, or other acts of God, we will use alternative methods of instruction to make up the day.

Possible Alternative Methods of Instruction may include but are not limited to:

- **Elementary**: Packets will be created for students with activities that allow them to review, strengthen, and deepen their skills on any materials that have been previously taught in the classroom.
 - Kindergarten packets will include activities and materials for push/pull letters, counting collections, one hundreds chart and letter cards. Students with technology will also access Classworks and Starfall for online activities.
 - Students in grades 1-6 packets will include project based activities integrating science, mathematics, history, and literacy. Students with technology will access Classworks and one of the following websites: SumDog, Khan Academy, RazKids, Spelling City.
 - Students will continue reading practices and completing their reading log to document their progress.
- **High School**: Grades 7-12 will have two reading selections that will require students to analyze, compare/ contrast, or synthesize information read in the two selections and write their findings in a one to two-page paper. These reading selections can be downloaded on their Macbooks for those unable to access internet and/or they can be sent home via a paper copy. The selections will be chosen ahead of time and ready for distribution either by download or paper copy. The science and math classrooms have electronic books as well as textbooks.
 - Since our high school is 1:1 grades 7-12, technology will be the main delivery method of instruction, but traditional paper-pencil will also be available as appropriate for any assigned task. On AMI days students can access their work using their Macbook. Students will be able to utilize Google Classroom and Google docs as a digital platform for collaborative projects. Students who do not have access to internet would have two additional days to successfully complete their work and turn it in to the teacher.
- Student attendance will be based on the completion of the assignments once school is back in session. Students will have up to 5 school days to complete the assignments after returning to school.

The school will make students and parents aware of the Alternative Methods of Instruction on the cancelled days through use of the school district call out system, the school district website, student email, and the district facebook and twitter pages.