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Dear Parent/Guardian:

The Hancock County School District is pleased to announce that our schools have been awarded permission from the West Virginia State School Board to participate in the Reimagined Instructional Time/Day by using our *Snow Sack* Program. Our schools will plan for five (5) *Snow Sack* days this winter.

The purpose of the *Snow Sack* Program is to allow Hancock County students the ability to use time out of the classroom due to snow, inclement weather, or other emergency days as school days. The West Virginia Department of Education will consider a *Snow Sack* day an instructional day when students engage in five hours of at-home learning opportunities that align with state standards.

In the event of a *Snow Sack* day, students will be expected to complete the assignments contained in their *Snow Sack*. In order to receive credit for both the work and attendance, all assignments must be completed within two (2) school days of the *Snow Sack* day. This additional day will allow for problems or concerns that may arise while completing the assignments at home. Also, teachers may be available to answer student questions from home at specific times during the *Snow Sack* day.

Please complete the form below indicating you understand that if a *Snow Sack* assignment is not completed, your child will not receive credit for that day and will be counted absent. Return this form to your child's school.

Sincerely,

Mr. Timothy Woodward

Superintendent, Hancock County Schools

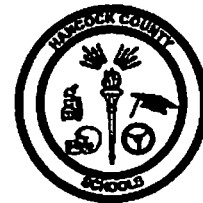
Enclosure

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STUDENT NAME _____ GRADE _____

I understand that if a *Snow Sack* assignment is not completed within two (2) school days of a *Snow Sack* day, my child will not receive credit for the assignment. In addition, he/she will be counted absent for the *Snow Sack* day.

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

SNOW SACK DAY



Reimagining Instructional Time/Instructional Day

WHAT IS A "SNOW SACK DAY"?

A *Snow Sack Day* is a day when students stay home due to inclement weather and work on activities/assignments and teachers report to work.

WHAT ARE "SNOW SACKS"?

Snow sacks are assignments/activities prepared specifically by your child's teacher. These assignments are designed to reinforce the academic content students are learning in the school environment when school is not in session.

Hancock County will possibly use up to five (5) *snow sack* days during the school year and a *snow sack* will be assigned for each of those five days. These assignments/activities are to be completed in a learning environment outside of the school to replace school attendance for all Hancock County students when inclement weather causes a cancellation of an instructional day. The *snow sack* will incorporate the same amount of instructional time as a regular instructional day.

Special consideration will be given to elementary students who are not independent learners by containing lessons focusing upon reinforcement and integration of skills that are regularly provided during instructional days.

Middle and high school students will be provided with reinforcement and integration of content learning activities, as well as application of skills in all core content areas.

WHEN WILL "SNOW SACK" ASSIGNMENTS BE USED?

Snow sacks will be distributed in January 2018 to all students; each *snow sack* will be numbered in the order in which they are to be completed.

Students are to submit completed *snow sacks* as soon as possible, but are allowed up to two (2) days from the date they return to school. These two days will allow for possible technology issues, unforeseen events, or illness. Each *snow sack* replaces the work that would have been completed in school. Therefore, students will receive a credit/grade from the classroom teacher for each assignment in the *snow sack*. Your child's attendance will be based upon the completion and time spent on the assignments through the provided materials. We realize the importance of the home and school connection and encourage you to be aware of and support *snow sack* assignments and activities.

STUDENTS **NOT** RETURNING COMPLETED SNOW SACK ASSIGNMENTS WILL BE COUNTED AS **ABSENT** ON THE CANCELED DAY AND WILL NOT RECEIVE CREDIT/GRADE FOR THE WORK.

Teachers will be available on *snow sack* days and will respond to emails, LiveGrades messages, and school phone calls to answer questions your child may have regarding the assignments. While it may not be possible for a teacher to immediately respond to your child, please be aware that the best method of contact is email.