

Blizzard Bags

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Ohio Revised Code allows school districts the use of Blizzard Bags or on-line lessons to make up the equivalent of three school days when classes were not held for weather related issues. Our Board of Education approved a resolution allowing for the use of three Blizzard Bags if needed for the 2017-2018 school year. These Blizzard Bags will only be used if we use our five calamity days that have also been approved by the Board of Education. We have used this provision in the past but it has been a few years and I want to review the process with everyone.

These Blizzard Bags will provide activities or materials for your child to work on in case of a school closing. The Blizzard Bag materials would be used on days 6, 7, and 8 that school is closed. These materials will be sent home prior to a cancellation and must be kept where your child can access them and work on them during the closure. The material is supposed to represent an actual amount of time the student would spend in a classroom. The student would have two weeks to complete the work and a grade must be given by the teacher for the assignments.

I also want to point out that possible make-up days are 2/16/18, 2/19/18, 4/2/18, 5/31/18, and 6/1/18. These make-up dates will only be used if we would happen to use all five calamity days and all three Blizzard Bag Days. So, we have eight closures before we have to use the Make-up Days. As of Thursday, January 11, 2018 we have had two closures.

You can expect your child to bring home these materials over the next few days.

Thank you for your patience and support during this trying winter weather.

Yours in education,

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