



Inclement Weather Virtual Day Instruction 2023-2024

Stakeholder Feedback

A survey was sent to all about preferences for virtual instruction on inclement weather days.



An overwhelming majority of teachers and staff and the majority of parents/guardians and community members responded in favor of using asynchronous virtual days in lieu of a traditional closing for snow days.

Stakeholder Data - Employees



Role	Number of Respondents
Classroom Teacher	1,307
School-based Staff	762
School-based Administrators	71
Central Office Staff	167
Central Office Administrator/Supervisor	46
<u>Total</u>	<u>2,353</u>

A total of 1,753 staff members (**75 percent**) indicated their preference for HCPS to conduct *virtual instruction*

Of the 1,753 staff members who indicated their preference for virtual instruction, 1,432 staff members (**82 percent**) indicated they would like the virtual instruction to be *asynchronous only*.

Stakeholder Data - Community



Role	Number of Respondents
Parent/Guardian of a Current HCPS Student	4,048
Community Member	101
<u>Total</u>	<u>4,149</u>

A total of 2,242 parents/guardians and community members **(54 percent)** indicated their preference for HCPS to conduct *virtual instruction*

Of the 2,242 parents/guardians and community members who indicated their preference for virtual instruction, 1,288 staff members **(57.5 percent)** indicated they would like the virtual instruction to be *asynchronous only*.

MSDE Guidelines



Schools must submit the inclement weather virtual plan for approval.



School systems will have the opportunity to use a total of eight days as a virtual school day.



The days may be synchronous or asynchronous, however, no more than three of the eight days may be used as an asynchronous day.

HCPS Process

Asynchronous

HCPS will only use **three** asynchronous virtual days.

Attendance

Attendance will be taken for all students.

HCPS Process

Assignments

Assignments on CANVAS due within 10 days. If never submitted, attendance will be changed.

***Pre-K**

Will have snow-day backpacks.

***Accommodations**
Student's IEPs will be considered & followed.

Grades

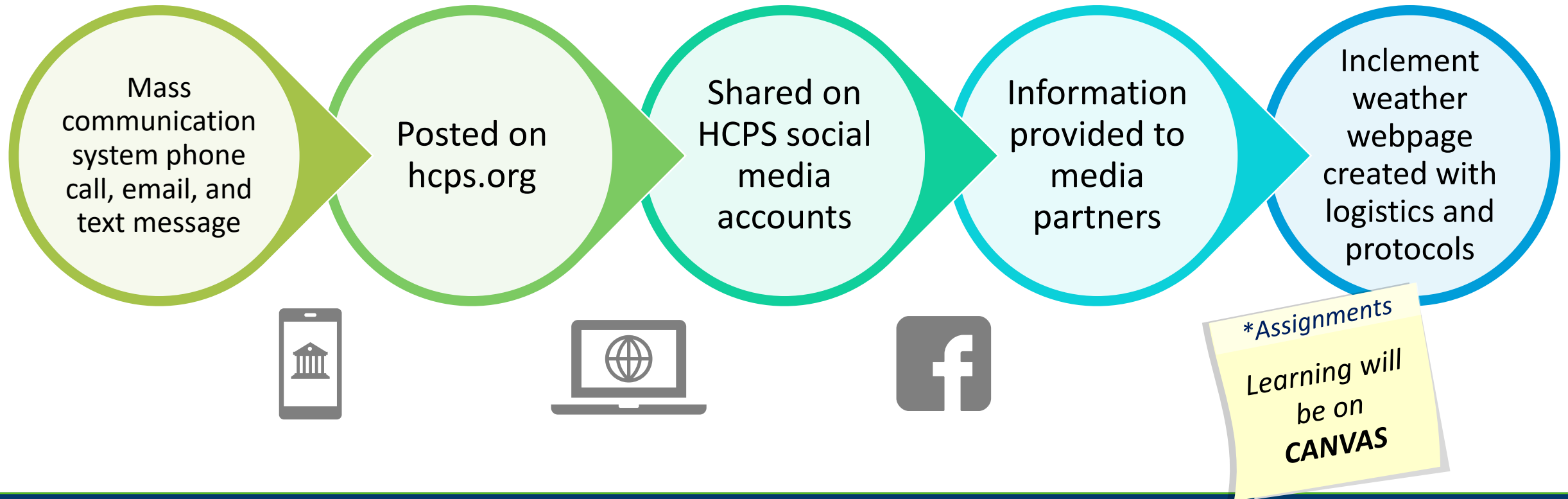
Virtual days will not negatively impact grades. There will be meaningful options for make-up work.

Employees

No employee's pay will be negatively impacted (includes custodians, food & nutrition, etc.)

Communication

In the event of utilizing an asynchronous option on an inclement weather day:



Questions

VIRTUAL DAY INSTRUCTION PLAN

- There will be no more than three asynchronous virtual days.
- Every HCPS student has been issued an iPad, Chromebook, or Windows device.
- Attendance will be taken for all students. Initially, all students will be marked as present. Teachers will update the attendance information for any student that does not complete the virtual assignments in the 10-day window.

ASSIGNMENTS

- Students will be provided 10 days from the day that is designated as a virtual instruction day to complete assignments.
- Assignments will be posted through CANVAS.
- Pre-kindergarten will have backpacks sent home with inclement weather day activities. Students in primary grades may also have physical learning tools sent home at the discretion of the principal.
- If needed, virtual lessons may be aligned with goals and objectives in a student's IEP.
- Virtual days will not negatively impact grades. There will be meaningful options for make-up work outside of virtual learning.

COMMUNICATION

- In the event of utilizing an asynchronous option on an inclement weather day:
 - Mass Notification system phone call, email, and text message.
 - Posted on hcps.org.
 - Shared on HCPS social media accounts.
 - Shared via push notification through HCPS app.
 - Information provided to media partners.
 - Inclement weather webpage created with logistics.
 - Learning opportunities will be open on CANVAS.



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