

# Anderson County Board of Education



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Anderson County Parents/Guardians,

The non-traditional snow day opportunity was successful last school year. Thank you for your support, it was a key factor in the success of the program and we look forward to continuing our partnership. Based on the overall survey results and feedback, we will continue the four (4) non-traditional snow days this winter season. Adjustments have been made based on the student, parent and teacher feedback and we hope to continue provide strong communication and support.

## **What is a non-traditional snow day?**

Non-traditional snow days are days that students will be provided engaging tasks or assignments that are connected to academic standards. These days will be identified as **Bearcat Days** and **students will not** have to make up these days at the end of the school year but will instead complete the tasks provided. Not all snow days will be Bearcat Days. Please refer to social media or other media outlets to identify the difference between a snow day or a Bearcat Day. The Bearcat Day will be a day that school is cancelled but students are expected to work on the assignment or task.

## **When will students receive the assignment or task?**

All tasks will be given to students the first week of December for all pre-k through middle school students. We encourage parents to review the tasks or assignments and send questions to teachers ahead of time. Students can begin working on assignments at any time. Students at ACHS will be given tasks or assignments the week of the expected snow. If you have concerns or questions, please notify the teacher for help.

## **When are student assignments to be completed?**

All student work is due on or before April 14, 2017, at the assigning teacher's discretion. Scoring rubrics will be provided as appropriate. If a rubric is not provided, please see your school's website for the most updated information about their assignment. *(Note: ACHS student work may be required to be turned in during the trimester of the Bearcat Day work.)*

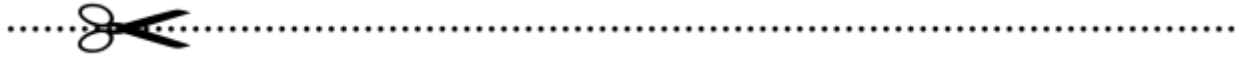
## **Will grades be assigned?**

All tasks or assignments will be graded and will be part of your child's grade. Please ask your child's teacher if you have questions regarding how the task or assignment will be graded. Rubrics will be provided as appropriate and standard grading procedures will apply.

### Teacher Help on Bearcat Days

Staff will be available to answer questions and provide assistance to students and families from 9:00am to 3:00pm via phone or email. Contact information will be provided by the school.

We hope to have successful implementation of the non-traditional snow day plan for the 2016-2017 school year. If you have suggestions, please notify your student's principal. We appreciate your partnership as we work to provide a positive and engaging non-traditional learning opportunity for our children. Thank you for your support. We wish you a wonderful holiday season.



## Quick Reference Guide

### Bearcat Day:

- School is cancelled for inclement weather but day will **NOT** be made up
- Students complete provided tasks/assignment at home
- Staff available 9:00am to 3:00pm via phone or email

### Snow Day:

- Traditional snow day
- School is cancelled for inclement weather and will be made up using approved make-up days (see district calendar)

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