

# “Snow-Mazing Days” Non-Traditional School Day

## Family Informational Sheet

### Non-Traditional Instruction

In response to the large number of snow days in recent years Trigg County Public Schools has been approved to participate in Non-Traditional Instruction (NTI) Days or “Snow-Mazing Days” for the 2016-2017 school year. Non-Traditional Instruction simply allows for the continuation of learning when school cannot be in session due to unforeseen circumstances (i.e., inclement weather, flu etc.). When a “Snow-Mazing Day is implemented students will be engaged in skill reinforcement, content enrichment, or remediation through electronic and conventional paper lessons. The ultimate result is less loss of instructional time and an increased ability to learn new content when school is back in session. Additionally, this plan will reduce the number of make-up days at the end of the school year and provide a continuum of instruction in a timely manner.

### Delivery:

Both digital and paper/pencil lessons will be available for students on “Snow-Mazing Days”. All lessons will be placed in a black folder and sent home within the next few weeks. Teachers using a digital format will place lessons in their learning management system (Schoology, Summit Basecamp, etc.)

### When:

**Snow-Mazing Days will NOT be enacted every day school is cancelled for inclement weather.** Rather, Trigg County will utilize Snow-Mazing Days as needed when roadways are deemed too hazardous for school bus travel, but safe enough for staff to be on campus.

### Communication:

Superintendent Hamby will announce the cancellation of school and the implementation of Snow-Mazing days via our mass calling system, radio, television and through electronic medium. (i.e. “...today Trigg County Public Schools will be closed due to weather we will implement Snow-mazing Day 1, Day 2, and Day 3...for students and staff...”)

### Teacher Availability:

Teachers are required to maintain a minimum online presence (email, learning management system) from 8:00 AM-11:00 AM and 12:00 PM-3:00 PM. Students and parents may also call the school and leave a message with the school principal.

### Student Accountability:

Students will be required to complete all tasks assigned during a Snow-Mazing Day and submit them the next day school is in session. Up to two days of extended time for the submission of student work will be allowed for each Snow-Mazing Day. This extended time will ensure that all students have enough time and guidance to complete their assigned activities.

### Questions?:

Please contact your child’s teacher(s) or school principal. You may also contact: James R. Mangels, Director of Student Services and Personnel at 270-522-6075.