



New Lexington City School District
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Dear Panther Parent or Guardian,

This has been an extremely rough winter and has forced New Lexington City School District and many other districts to close beyond the five "allowable" calamity days. As you may know, we are beyond our limit. The high school and middle school have missed 13 days and both elementary schools have missed 14 days. It is the end of January and forecast for February is full of snow! Therefore, it is imperative to consider different options and modify our make up plan for calamity days.

At a special board meeting held on January 28, 2014, I recommended that the Board pass resolutions to amend the district calendar and implement Blizzard Bags as an option to make up calamity days. Both resolutions passed and below you will find brief descriptions.

Students will now be in session for the days listed below.

February 24, 2014

April 17, 2014


April 21, 2014

Blizzard Bag assignments

Last week, the state announced they would allow districts an exception to the law and added Blizzard Bags as an option to offset future calamity days. Therefore, we will be using this option for the next three calamity days. Guidelines for the Blizzard Bags are on the reverse of this letter.

Thank you for your support and patience as we continue to deal with Mother Nature.

Go Panthers!


Tonya F. Sherburne
Superintendent

The mission of the New Lexington City School District is to promote the highest level of educational achievement, maximizing all students' potential, while challenging them to become life-long learners and socially responsible citizens.

**NEW LEXINGTON CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BLIZZARD BAG GUIDELINES**

- * Blizzard Bag assignments shall be meaningful practice assignments that are an extension of the learning in the classroom.
- * Students shall receive credit for completion of assignments.
- * Each student shall be granted a two-week period from the date of the calamity day to complete the lesson.
- * The teacher will provide a similar paper lesson for students without Internet access to complete the assignments.
- * The Blizzard Bag assignments shall be accessible to students prior to the calamity day. This will allow students the opportunity to complete work while they are at home.
- * In order to be prepared for the next calamity day, Blizzard Bag assignments shall be made available to the students via Internet or hard copies no later than Monday, February 3, 2014.
- * The assignments shall be equal to the amount of instructional time the student would receive in school.
- * The teacher shall designate the order in which the lessons are to be completed. The assignments shall be labeled Blizzard Bag #1, Blizzard Bag #2, and Blizzard Bag #3.
- * Teachers will update or replace such lessons as necessary throughout the school year based on the instructional progress of students.