



PUBLIC SCHOOLS OF NORTH CAROLINA

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School Leaders,

With inclement weather approaching, we wanted to share a reminder about the opportunity to utilize remote instruction days. To assist you in this decision making, please see the information below which outlines when remote instruction days can be used.

A. Definition of Remote instruction -

Instruction delivered to students in a remote location outside of the school facility. The instruction may be asynchronous or synchronous.

Excludes

- NCVPS
- E-learning courses that meet the requirements of GS 115C-238.85*
- IHE courses
- Homebound instruction
- Instruction provided to a student during a short or long term suspension

* LEAs may use e-learning providers other than NCVPS if the provider meets all of the following

- (1) Be accredited by a regional accrediting agency such as, but not limited to, AdvancEd or the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS).
- (2) Employ teachers who hold teaching licenses from states that participate in the NASDTEC Educator Identification Clearinghouse.
- (3) Ensure that courses offered to North Carolina students are aligned to the North Carolina Standard Course of Study.

B. Remote Instruction Plan (RIP)

All PSUs who will provide remote instruction for emergency closures must confirm that the 2021-22 remote instruction plan is unchanged or must submit an updated plan to NCDPI Digital Teaching and Learning. A separate communication will be sent to the respective PSU remote instruction plan point of contact on record.

You may view the last plan submitted by your PSU on the [DPI website](#).

C. Allowable use of Remote Instruction Days

Remote instruction may be used when schools are unable to open due to severe weather, energy shortages, power failures or other emergency situations. The days may be scheduled prior to the anticipated event or after the fact.

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D. Maximum Number of Remote Instructional

PSUs have a maximum number of remote days/hours that are permitted to be used to meet the 185/1025 minimum instructional days/hours. The number of remote instruction days/hours permitted is differentiated based on the whether the PSU is located in a county that has received a waiver on the start and end dates (good cause waiver).

The counties that have received a good cause waiver in 2021-22 can be found on the Financial & Business Services [website](#).

1. PSUs located in a county that has received a good cause waiver.
Any LEA, charter school, regional school, innovative school or lab school that is located in a county that has received a good cause waiver in that school year may provide up to 15 remote instruction days or 90 remote hours
2. PSUs in a county that has not received a good cause waiver.
Remote instruction is limited to 5 days or 30 hours

E. PSUs

Items A, B, C and D apply to local education agencies, charter schools, cooperative innovative high schools, regional schools, lab schools, renewal school system.

Thank you for all you to do to support students and staff, and keep them safe in the face of adversity.

If you have questions about remote instruction plans for Emergency Closures, please contact Rob Dietrich: Rob.Dietrich@dpi.nc.gov.

If you have questions about the school calendar, please contact Jennifer Bennett: Jennifer.Bennett@dpi.nc.gov.

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