

Flexible Instruction Day (FID) Guidelines for PHCSE Parents/Guardians

Penn Hills Charter School of Entrepreneurship will be utilizing Flexible Instruction Days (FIDs), which may be used in place of a school day that would be canceled because of inclement weather or another emergency situation. On a FID, students will complete learning activities and assignments provided by their teachers at home.

What's the benefit of a FID?

Implementing a FID will not require additional make-up days when school is canceled. PHCSE can use up to five (5) FIDs per school year. FIDs are considered a school day and count toward the number of instructional days/hours required under Article 15 of the Public School Code and Chapter 11 of the State Board of Education regulations.

If PHCSE calls for a FID, how will I know?

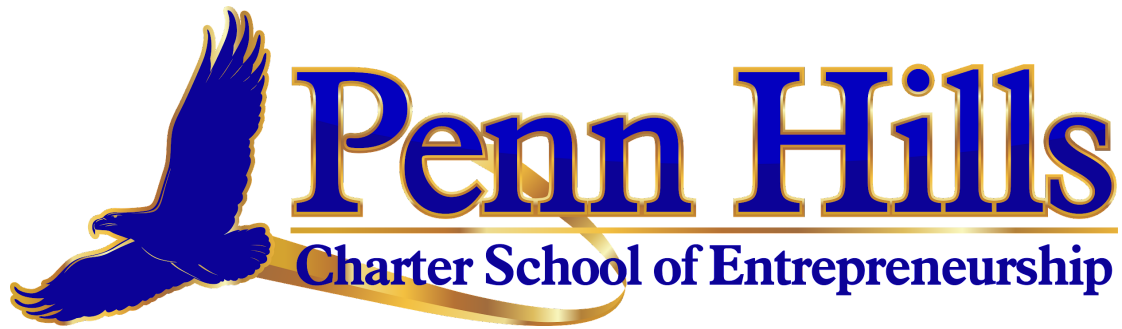
Students and parents/guardians will be informed of a FID in the same way that school closings and delays are currently announced. Notifications will be distributed via Skyward and a phone call.

What will be expected of my child during a FID (Grades K-3)?

Kindergarten - 3rd grade students will work individually on a FID lesson unique to their grade level. Students will log into Canvas on their school issued Chromebook. They will find their FID day assignments on their Canvas page and their homeroom Canvas page. **There will not be synchronous (live) instruction.** This material will be available no later than 9:00 am. If a family is experiencing internet access issues, please notify the teacher the next in-person school day. Students will have five (5) school days, once school resumes, to complete their assignments. Any student who fails to complete their FID assignment within five (5) school days will receive an unexcused absence from school and will receive a zero on any graded assignment that was not submitted.

What will be expected of my child during a FID (Grades 4-8)?

4th Grade - 8th grade students will also work on FID lessons unique to their grade level and classes. Students will log into Canvas on their school issued Chromebook and locate assignments for each of their daily classes. **There will not be synchronous (live) instruction.** This material will be available no later than 9:00 am. If a family is experiencing internet access issues, please notify the teacher the next in person school day. Students will have five (5) school days, once school resumes, to complete their assignments. Any student who fails to complete their FID assignment within five (5) school days will be marked as absent unexcused from school and will receive a zero on any graded assignment that was not submitted.



How does student attendance work?

Student attendance will be determined by verification and completion of the FID lesson and/or assignment. Students should not report to school on a FID.

How can I contact a teacher or staff member during a FID?

All teachers and professional staff members will be available via email during a FID. This includes special area teachers including Art, STEM, Spanish, Physical Education, Learning Support, and the Literacy Coach. Additionally, other support staff will also be available including the school counselor, nurse, speech therapist, instructional coaches, and Principal, unless the individual is ill that day.

What if my child needs help with a lesson/assignment on a FID, will teachers be available to answer questions?

Yes, all school staff members will be available to answer questions on a FID via email during the hours of 9:00 am - 3:00 pm.

How long will my child have to complete FID lessons and/or assignments?

Students will have five (5) school days, once school resumes, to complete their learning assignments.

What happens if my child fails to complete his/her assignment(s)?

Teachers will check FID assignments completion and may count the assignment as a graded assignment. Any student who fails to complete their FID assignment within five (5) school days will be marked as absent and will receive a zero on any graded assignment that was not submitted.

My child has an IEP, will his/her lesson be modified appropriately?

The FID lesson will be designed for students with special needs utilizing their program modifications, specially designed instruction and supplementary aids and services identified in their individualized education plans. Upon return from a FID, teachers of students with special needs will meet with their students to review work submitted, checking for completion and understanding. Any related services (Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Speech, etc.) scheduled during the FID will be rescheduled according to the frequency requirements of the students' individualized education plan.

Will after school activities be canceled on a FID?

Yes, after school activities will be canceled during a FID.