

## SnowGo - NonTraditional Instructional Day Frequently Asked Questions

- **What is SnowGo?**

*The Kentucky Department of Education has approved our proposal for a non-traditional instructional day. At its most basic level, even if school buildings are closed, learning continues. SCPS is focused on anywhere, anytime learning. Our goal is to avoid an interruption of the learning process. If students engage in creative learning opportunities, a SnowGo Day will be counted as a regular school day, rather than tacking the day on at the end of the year.*

- **How will I know that Shelby County is using the SnowGo Plan?**

*One-Call Now telephone call, Social media announcement (Facebook & Twitter), Local media (TV, Radio), E-mail blasts, SCPS and school website banners - all will clearly state that schools are closed, but we will employ a SnowGo Day.*

- **What is my child expected to do on a SnowGo Day?**

*Elementary - Select and complete at least four items from the menu of activities. ([Menu was sent home prior to February 1st. Click here for an online version of the menu.](#) Note that some schools may have modified the menu to suit their needs.)*

*Middle & High - Specific assignments from each teacher will be given to students through technology. (Special circumstances may require certain students without internet access to have pre-arranged plans. Students are encouraged to have those conversations now.)*

- **What is my role as a parent during a SnowGo Day?**

*Encourage and support your child. Most of the activities being assigned are designed to be completed at an independent level. Students may need your assistance in gathering materials and/or with time management.*

***At the elementary level, students will need your signature to indicate completion of assignments.***

*Middle and High implementation will be tracked in Schoology.*

- **How can my child get help with their learning, if needed?**

*A SnowGo Day is a full work day for the SCPS certified staff. They will be engaging with students through various platforms throughout the day. Expect your child's school and/or teacher to communicate specific ways to access your child's teacher - these may include calling the school, Schoology, e-mailing the teacher, or contacting Central Office - Student Achievement Department.*

- **Will my child be penalized if they can't or don't complete the assignment?**

*If students choose not to do the work, they will be required to complete the work as if they had missed a regular school day. It would be equivalent to having missed a normal day of instruction. If your child has questions, please contact their teacher as described above.*

- **Will students have to make up a SnowGo day in the summer?**

No.

- **Will teachers be at the school if my student needs help?**

*A SnowGo Day is a full work day for the SCPS certified staff. They will be engaging with students through various platforms throughout the day. (See above.) All are expected to be accessible to students.*

- **What if my child has to go to daycare or is unable to complete their work during “regular” school hours?**

*Most daycares in the community have been made aware of our plans. There are activities on the Elementary Menu that can be completed at a Daycare. Also, remember all work may be completed at any time before students return to school, including later in the evening.*

- **How will my child get feedback on their work?**

*Elementary - Students will do a reflection on the completed work with their teacher on the day they return to school.*

*Middle & High - Communication through Schoology and classroom follow-up.*

- **If my child’s assignment requires wifi and we don’t have it, is there an alternate assignment?**

*Yes - because teachers and students have been using Chromebooks for nearly a year during normal school days, the same arrangements will come into play for students who may not have access to wifi. Teachers are aware of those situations and have pre-arranged plans with those students. If you feel your child’s teacher may not be aware of your child’s internet connectivity, encourage them to have those conversations now.*

- **How long does a student have to complete this work?**

*The assignments are due upon returning to school the next regular day. If work is not completed, students will need to make up the work as if they had missed a regular school day. It would be equivalent to having missed a normal day of instruction.*

- **How will they take attendance?**

*Elementary - A parent signature returned to school will indicate the work has been done and your child will be counted present.*

*Middle & High - By logging in and completing the assignments, a student will be counted as present.*

*\* As of 1/29/16, the last day of school will be May 27 because three days have been added to the end of the calendar.*