



NTI: Non-traditional Instruction

Sno-Go Days in Shelby County What is an NTI Day (Sno-Go) Day?

An NTI Day allows Shelby County Public Schools to provide non-traditional instruction on days when students are not able to attend school due to inclement weather. On the designated NTI Days, students will have assignments (either online or paper packets) that provide continuation of learning.

Depending on the student's grade level, the assignments may contain lessons from reading/language arts, mathematics, social studies, and writing along with other cross-curricular lessons and opportunities. Lessons are supported with online resources but can be completed without access to the internet.

How will NTI/SnoGo work?

Students will not come to their school buildings, however, completing the assignments and tasks will allow them to be counted as "present" for the day.

How do I find out what my child should be doing on an NTI day?

Secondary students will log into Empower to see assignments. They may also be given assignments in class to take home.

Elementary students will have a menu of activities from which to choose. This menu is provided by each school and should be available at their school's website. Some students may also choose to log in to Empower to see options.

What happens if I don't have internet?

While some assignments will be pushed out through our Digital Data Dashboard - Empower, many assignments will not require any internet connectivity to complete. Students and parents can communicate with teachers regarding alternative ways to receive assignments and instruction.

What are teacher and administrators doing on NTI days?

An NTI day is a work day for our teachers and principals. As weather permits, teachers and principals will be in their schools for the work day.

Every teacher will also be easily accessible to parents and students via telephone and technology.

Will every snow day be treated as an NTI day?

No. Every snow day will not be an NTI Day.

"The decision is situational," says Superintendent Neihof.

"We will do our best to communicate the decision as early as possible." We will communicate through TV, Radio, Email, text, Twitter, Facebook, school and district websites, and a telephone call.

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If a student is able, they may submit their work online through Schoology.
If a student is unable to submit online, evidence should be turned in to the teacher.
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What happens if my child misplaces their NTI work or fails to turn it in?

If a student is unable to complete the lesson packet prior to returning to school, they will be provided assistance at school to complete the work.

If a student fails to submit the NTI Day work on the final make-up day, that student may be counted as absent for that NTI Day and/or receive a zero for participation on their assignments.

How long will students have to complete their work on NTI days?

Students will be held accountable for all assignments and tasks assigned on a SnoGo day. The timeline for submitting work will be the same as the guidelines set by each school on a normal school day.

How long should it take for my child to complete the NTI assignments?

Each student will work at their own pace, so the time required to complete the work will vary depending on the child; however, students are **NOT** expected to do school work for the entire day.

What if I choose to let my child plan in the snow all day?

Have fun! The work assigned on a SnoGo day does not have to be completed during "traditional" school hours, although some of the assignments are actually completed WHILE students are playing outside.

The goal of NTI is to allow learning to continue when students are not in the school building. As we prepare students for life beyond their academic career, we are trying to instill a mindset of lifelong learners. This means that learning can and should happen all the time.