

Southmoreland School District Flexible Instructional Day and Synchronous Instructional Day Overview

As the weather and other factors can impact our district's ability to provide in-person instruction safely, we would like to share with our learning community the definitions and differences below.

What does Synchronous Learning mean?

Synchronous learning refers to all types of learning in which learner(s) and teacher(s) are in the same place, at the same time, in order for learning to take place. This includes in-person classes, live online meetings when the whole class or smaller groups get together. In synchronous learning, students usually go through the learning path together, accompanied by their teacher who is able to provide support while students are completing tasks and activities.

What does Asynchronous Learning mean?

Asynchronous classes run on a more relaxed schedule, with students accessing class materials during different hours and from different locations.

What is a Flexible Instructional Day?

Flexible Instructional Days (FIDs) may be used in place of a school day that has been cancelled because of inclement weather or another emergency situation.

On a FID, students will complete learning activities and assignments provided by their teachers at home on the day that otherwise would have been cancelled. Students will receive learning activities and assignments for each subject that would have originally taken place during a regular school day. FID days are asynchronous instructional days, which means that students will access posted learning materials and complete them online in Google Classrooms. It is anticipated that all FID will operate as asynchronous learning days.