

Crystal City School District

Alternative Methods of Instruction (AMI) Plan

2025-2026

Alternative Methods of Instruction (AMI) will be used as virtual learning days when a school closure is necessary due to inclement weather or other unexpected circumstances. The Crystal City School District can use the AMI plan for up to 36 hours of instruction.

Why does this document exist?

In the event of any future long term closures of the district or individual building the Crystal City School District is creating a contingency plan for learning to continue through Alternative Methods of Instruction (AMI).

So what will happen if we experience another school closure?

Should Crystal City School District determine the need to close the district or specific school building, district certified staff will implement what is called Alternative Methods of Instruction (AMI). Our instruction, monitoring, and assignment completion will shift to online and/or paper packets for the defined period of time. AMI learning will be rigorous and expectations are further explained in this document. Students will be able to access assignments via the internet or other specially-prepared learning materials. This alternative will help parents, guardians, and school employees continue the academic progress of students. The technology we already have in place and provided by the school system will enhance teachers' abilities to communicate with students while being away from the school structure. Our district will implement the use of technology, textbooks, packets/worksheets and teacher created materials.

How will we know we are moving to AMI?

A district wide message will be sent through (student messenger system) email, text message and a phone dialer to inform parents/guardians, faculty and staff of a switch to AMI. Additional information regarding the AMI Days can be found on the Crystal City 47 website and social media.

Daily Schedules Expectations during AMI:

Instructional lessons should take place on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday. Teachers will be available to the students through office hours.

Google Meet Expectations during AMI:

Teachers will hold Google Meets with their students to review and reinforce previously taught skills and to introduce new concepts. These Google Meets can be presented in both small and whole group delivery depending on instructional and social emotional needs of students and/or your classroom culture. Teachers should develop and communicate Google Meet norms and expectations with their students and families. These should be discussed and practiced in the classroom and throughout AMI.

Attendance during AMI:

On AMI days, attendance will be determined by the completion of lessons and activities turned in the next day of attendance, electronic submission of lessons and activities on the AMI day or the next day of attendance and log of electronic/web-based/app activity.

Equitable Access:

The Crystal City School District will provide Chromebooks to students when needed. Students can access internet connection through parent provided internet access or through district provided internet access (hotspot, extension on school property).

Individualized Education Plan and/or a 504 plan:

In the event of another school closure, the Crystal City School District assures that the instructional plan for AMI days for students with disabilities is documented in each individual student's individualized education program (IEP) according to the [guidance developed by the Missouri DESE Office of Special Education](#).

Specialized instruction will be provided as stated in each IEP/504 according to State and Federal regulations. Case managers will be in contact with individual families to support student learning. ALL staff will be required to meet the guidelines of the IEP as services are defined in Form G and the Present Level. If you have any questions, please contact the Student Service Department at 636-937-4017 ext 2016. Case managers will be the main point of contact for the families.