

Macomb C.U.S.D. #185 - Academic Engagement Days

Goal of Academic Engagement Days

Our goal is to provide continuity of learning, as we strive for a quality experience for both students and staff. Our Academic Engagement Day will mimic the five-hour clock day in terms of teacher mandated work hours and student homework as required by Illinois State Statute. We have developed a flexible system to meet the needs of our community, where teachers must have work posted by 9:00 A.M. and students have until they arrive at school the next day to turn in their homework.

Academic Engagement Activity / Homework - Guidelines Only

- MacArthur – 30 minutes
- Lincoln – 1 hour
- Edison – 1 ½ hours
- MJH – 2 Hours (15 mins per class)
- MHS – 2.5 hours (15 mins per class minimum up to 30 mins maximum)

Assignments - Posted by 9 A.M.

Teachers must post the activities or assignment on their eBoard, Skyward or Teams by 9:00 A.M. of the Academic Engagement Day. Teachers can also give students a paper copy of the activity or assignment.

Communication to Parents

- eBoards - Academic Engagement Weather note, includes a definition of Academic Engagement Day—Every teacher should have a note or tab marked Academic Engagement Day telling where to find assignments.
- Microsoft Teams Site
- Skyward – email to parents

Teacher Availability

Throughout the day by email (mandatory), phone or text (optional) 9:00 A.M.-3:00 P.M.

Assignment Due Date

Student engagement activities are to be completed (or progress made) and returned the day school resumes or the day the student returns to school.

- Example: If the Academic Engagement Day is Tuesday the activity is to be turned in on Wednesday. If the child is not present on the day it is to be returned, the student will turn it in when they return to school and will be marked present for the Academic Engagement Day.

Providing Connectivity and Creating Equity

Macomb has several free WIFI hot spots where students can go to access online learning. In addition to the locations listed below we are currently working with local providers to create a more robust network.

Hot Spot Locations – Ball Fore, Downing Ball Park, Georgetown, Glenwood Swimming Pool, Macomb Library, Patton Park, Veteran’s Park, Western Illinois University Library. Macomb also has multiple public businesses that provide free access, however parents should check with the business before using as an academic hot spot.

We are in the process of creating a digital checkout system at Macomb Jr. Sr. High School.

Accountability - Assignment Graded

- Teacher discretion

Recording Attendance

- MacArthur - attendance for both AM and PM classes
- Lincoln – attendance for both AM and PM classes
- Edison - attendance for both AM and PM classes
- MJH - each period you normally take attendance
- MHS - each period you normally take attendance

The attendance window will remain open for 2 days from the Academic Engagement Day to allow teachers to check that the student was engaged in the activity. MJH/MHS - Each period the teacher will mark the student present, were engaged, or absent, were not engaged. For attendance purposes they will be marked present for the day because they were engaged for some part of the day. If the student does not complete the assignment, they will be counted absent, but will be administratively excused.

Special Education Teachers

- Special Education teachers ensure appropriate learning opportunities for students with special needs. Teachers with a homeroom/course must post the activities or assignment on their eBoard, Skyward or Teams by 9:00 AM of the Academic Engagement Day. Teachers in an inclusion or mainstreamed setting collaborate with the teacher of record to provide accommodations and/or modifications.

Licensed Specialty Teachers

- Teachers will post the activity/assignment to their eBoard and/or work with the grade level teachers for activities.

Licensed Teachers That Do Not Have a Homeroom or Course

- Teachers have the option to put something on their eBoard.

Paraprofessional

- PAs will have the opportunity to make up the Academic Engagement Day hours within in the same week/ pay period by working additional hours on **consecutive days** until such hours have been reclaimed.

Academic Engagement Days Review

We will review this plan on an annual basis to address issues that arise to ensure continuous improvements are being designed and implemented.

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