



HAMPDEN CHARTER SCHOOL OF SCIENCE EAST-WEST

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Dear Parents, Guardians, and Students:

This is a notice regarding HCSS Alternative Structured Learning Days plan on snow days. You may have heard the term “Blizzard Bags.” The more formal designation is Alternative Structured Learning Day(s). The purpose of this plan is to compensate for days missed due to school cancellations for inclement weather or other factors so that no school days need to be made up in June.

Students will be assigned math and ELA work for each Snow Day which will be due one week from Snow Day. If the work is not completed in that time, the student will receive a zero for the assignment and will be marked absent for the day.

Math and ELA teachers will post Blizzard Bag assignments on Google Classroom. All classes will be shown how to access and complete the lessons on Chromebooks.

Parents are not expected to provide a great deal of support since Blizzard Bag assignments are produced to expand student learning about topics and standards which are already introduced in the classroom. Parents can encourage students to complete assignments on time and create an environment where students can focus on their tasks.

Please also know that on announced Snow Days, *ALL HCSS staff* will be available via email from 10 am-noon to answer any school-related questions.

Please click on the link below to see the full description of this plan.

<https://hampdencharter.org/blizzard-bag/>

Sincerely,

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**Chief Academic Officer
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