



**Alternative Methods of Instruction (AMI) Plan  
2019 -2020 Application**

**District Information**

<b>District Name</b>	<u>Fort Smith Public Schools</u>	<b>LEA Number</b>	<u>6601</u>
<b>City</b>	<u>Fort Smith</u>	<b>County</b>	<u>Sebastian</u>
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<b>Individual School / Campus Name</b>	<b>Grade Level</b>
Ballman Elementary	K-6
Barling Elementary	K-6
Beard Elementary	K-6
Bonneville Elementary	K-6
Carnall Elementary	K-6
Cavanaugh Elementary	K-6
Cook Elementary	K-6
Euper Lane Elementary	K-6
Fairview Elementary	K-6
Howard Elementary	K-6
Morrison Elementary	K-6
Orr Elementary	K-6
Pike Elementary	K-6
Spradling Elementary	K-6
Sunnymede Elementary	K-6
Sutton Elementary	K-6
Tilles Elementary	K-6
Trusty Elementary	K-6
Woods Elementary	K-6
Chaffin Junior High	7-9
Darby Junior High	7-9
Kimmons Junior High	7-9
Ramsey Junior High	7-9
Belle Point Center	7-12
Northside High School	10-12
Southside High School	10-12

2017-18

2018-19

**Previous Information**

Total number of days the district missed due to exceptional or emergency circumstances.

0	4
0	0

Total number of AMI days used

**Submission Instructions:**

- E-mail completed applications to [ADE.AMIapplication@arkansas.gov](mailto:ADE.AMIapplication@arkansas.gov)
- The deadline for applications to be submitted is September 15<sup>th</sup>.
- Applications will be reviewed in the order they are received. Incomplete or partial applications will not be reviewed.
- Consult the AMI Guidance document for additional information regarding plan topics.
- Notification of status will be sent via email to the superintendent at the address provided above.
- Approval is granted for the current school year only. Applications must be renewed annually.

**A. If school is canceled due to an emergency or exceptional circumstance such as a contagious disease outbreak, inclement weather , or utility outage, explain the process by which the district shall determine if the school closure will be an AMI or make-up day.**

Ballgames or other school events, lack of substitutes, or lack of bus drivers do not qualify as an exceptional circumstance.

Fort Smith Public Schools’ Superintendent shall determine if the missed school day is an AMI day. The Superintendent will utilize the Executive Council to assist in making decisions in regards to school closure. The superintendent will utilize in person meetings and/or technology to gather input from the Executive Council in regards to determining if the district should be closed.

This application is for the entire 5 day period as outlined in A.C.A. 6-10-126.

**B. Provide a description of the AMI assignments and materials used at each school within the district to effectively facilitate teaching and support learning for the benefit of the students. AMI Packets must be available on-line or have been sent home prior to designation of an AMI Day.**

Students in grades K-6 will be involved in reading and related activities. Students will have access to a digital or hard copy of a selected text and differentiated activities. The goal is to engage students and their households in a family literacy approach. The activities are designed and differentiated to promote family engagement; however, options will be provided in case those family support systems are not available. Students are given a minimum of five assignments that would constitute a normal day of learning. By establishing a community of readers engaged with the same text, students will have a much wider audience with whom to interact.

1. All students, faculty and staff will receive the same book.
2. Reading schedules and activities will be provided for ten AMI days.
3. Instructional activities appropriate for each grade level will be provided.
4. Faculty will support and monitor completion of instructional activities, e-mail, Parent Link, district website, social media, and traditional paper and pencil guidelines will be available to students upon request.

Each teacher will determine which technology applications and/or resources will be used based on students' needs and on the platform that is used in the classroom. The intended focus is a family literacy approach. Though literacy is the focus, supporting activities for other core content areas will also be included.

For students in grades 7-12, prior to the AMI day, teachers will provide students with lessons and assignments in a classroom learning platform or paper form. Students use a digital learning platform on a daily basis and are familiar with this process. Upon request, students without computers or internet access will be given a mirror-image, paper copy of the assignment. On the AMI day, students will complete lessons and assignments at home. Students will have three days following the AMI day for assignment completion. This will allow students the opportunity to receive assistance from teachers on the next school day. Assignments will include electives and will be tied to the standards for the course. The assignments will be a continuation of the learning occurring in the classroom and/or will reflect student needs identified through ACT Aspire test data.

**C. Describe how student attendance will be determined for an approved AMI day.**

The AMI day attendance for Fort Smith Public Schools students in grades K-12 will be determined based upon work completed and submitted. Teachers will assess equally the

work submitted electronically and the mirror-image printed work sent home for those without internet connectivity or devices.

**D. Describe how the district will ensure implementation of Individual Education Programs (IEPs) for students with disabilities on AMI days.**

Each school will ensure that special education teachers work with regular education staff in the development of assignments as they pertain to the IEP of the students they serve. In turn, special education students will be provided extended time upon return to satisfactorily complete assignments. Likewise, the same process will be utilized for English Language Learners.

**E. Describe how the district will communicate with parents and students the purpose and expectations for an AMI day. Please include the link to the website or social media where the information will be posted.**

Principals will inform parents through parent teacher conferences, district and school websites, Parent Link communication, and/or podcast. Students will receive expectations and purpose from their teachers and their principal.

The Website for Posting: <https://www.fortsmithschools.org/domain/146>

Social Media Link: <https://www.facebook.com/FortSmithPublicSchools>