



Nontraditional Instruction

Frequently Asked Questions

The purpose of this document is to consolidate answers to frequently asked questions from the Kentucky Nontraditional Instruction (NTI) Program.

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Usage

Q1. What is the primary reason for Nontraditional Instruction?

A1. The purpose of Nontraditional Instruction is to minimize learning loss by allowing Kentucky districts an opportunity to continue providing high-quality instruction virtually on days when health and safety concerns prevent in-person learning.

Q2. Can we use Nontraditional Instruction for just one school within our district?

A2. Nontraditional Instruction is designed to allow the entire district to continue learning virtually when health and safety concerns arise. NTI usage for one individual school is not permitted.

Q3. Can we use Nontraditional Instruction for a half day of school?

A3. Nontraditional Instruction is intended for the entire day of school to be conducted virtually.

Q4. When are NTI days usable?

A4. Districts may utilize NTI at any time during the school year, if they constitute a continuation of learning. However, use of NTI during the first week of the school year is generally not approved since instruction has not yet begun and continuity of learning cannot be established.

Q5. How should I declare/announce an NTI day?

A5. Districts are encouraged to update their district websites, district social media, and local news (radio and television) to announce the use of an NTI day. Announcements should specify which NTI day is being used (ex: Kentucky County - NTI Day #5).

Q6. When my district uses an NTI day, should all schoolwork be digital or pencil and paper?

A6. It is highly recommended that districts utilize digital methods, project-based learning, and vibrant learning activities on NTI days. However, when digital access is not feasible, such as in instances where students may be younger or may not have reliable access to technology, pencil and paper options may be utilized to ensure all students can continue learning meaningfully.

Application

Q7. What is the window to update our CDIP Diagnostic Nontraditional Instruction Plan?

A7. The official window to complete the diagnostic is during the CDIP Phase IV window which runs from January 1 to May 1. Districts may update the NTI Plan at any point and time during the school year as changes are needed.

Q8. Should the Board of Education in my district approve my NTI Plan?

A8. The Nontraditional Instruction plan is part of the district's Comprehensive District Improvement Plan (CDIP). Some districts choose to approve the NTI plan/diagnostic when they approve the full CDIP. Some districts elect to approve the NTI plan/diagnostic separately to allow for more community feedback.



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Q9. Should teachers show up to their assigned school or work from home?

A9. Each district's NTI Plan should outline operational protocols for certified and non-certified staff, including where staff will provide services during NTI days.

Q10. If a teacher misses a day of work on a designated NTI day, what should we do?

A10. District policies and processes for teacher absences should be followed on NTI days the same as they would be on an in-person day instructional day.

Monitoring

Q11. How will my district know if they have been selected for Nontraditional Instruction end-of-year monitoring?

A11. Districts selected for end-of-year NTI monitoring will be notified during the April monitoring window after all NTI participation data has been entered into Infinite Campus.

Q12. How often will my district be selected for Nontraditional Instruction end-of-year monitoring?

A12. Nontraditional Instruction end-of-year monitoring is typically done on a 5-year rotation. Due to NTI usage and other priority monitoring needs across the department, this schedule may vary accordingly.

Q13. What does my district do with student and teacher participation data?

A13. Districts must enter NTI student and teacher participation data into Infinite Campus. The initial submission of participation data is due on April 1st of the current school year. The final deadline for data to be entered into Infinite Campus is June 1st of the current school year.