

Nontraditional Instruction Program

Revised October 2018

Renewal Application

KRS 158.070(9):

Notwithstanding any other statute, each school term shall include no less than the equivalent of the student instructional year in subsection (1)(f) of this section, or a variable student instructional year in subsection (1)(h) of this section, except that the commissioner of education may grant up to the equivalent of ten (10) student attendance days for school districts that have a nontraditional instruction plan approved by the commissioner of education on days when the school district is closed for health or safety reasons. The district's plan shall indicate how the nontraditional instruction process shall be a continuation of learning that is occurring on regular student attendance days. Instructional delivery methods, including the use of technology, shall be clearly delineated in the plan. Average daily attendance for purposes of Support Education Excellence in Kentucky program funding during the student attendance days granted shall be calculated in compliance with administrative regulations promulgated by the Kentucky Board of Education.

District: The Nelson County Schools

School Year: 2019-2020

Please address the following completely, providing detail and data as appropriate and available.

Description of and Improvements to Program

1. Please give a description of the nontraditional instruction program. Within the description, also address:
 - Revisions to the district's nontraditional instruction program that are being proposed in order for the program to grow in rigor and efficacy;
 - Program adjustments that are being proposed to improve the program for all shareholders (e.g. students, teachers, administrators, parents, community members, etc.); and,
 - Any changes being proposed related to how the district handles food service staff and costs on nontraditional instruction days.

The Nelson County Schools will continue the use of various digital learning platforms for teaching and learning on NTI days for the 2019-20 school year.

All students will have access to a Google Classroom account set up by their teacher(s). Parents will receive training and step by step directions if needed about how to access and use Google Classroom with their children by October 31st. Our goal as a district is to increase one to one technology use and provide opportunities where technology can be accessed at home by our students to ease and to support the learning process. The district will emphasize the use of Project Based Learning and cross curricular units for NTI Days. Over the past year we have realized the importance of classroom collaboration through the use of the Google Suite and Google Classroom. Teachers have found new avenues for teaching and learning as they work with their students through the use of Google Classroom and real time distance learning. Assessment and revision have increased the depth of knowledge and student/teacher relationships. Students are now able to make choices targeting learning styles, assignments and assessments.

For those families that do not have access to technology, the district will provide opportunities for children to visit school computer labs on NTI days or upon their return to school. Students will be given sufficient time to complete their extended learning assignments. Students who request alternate activities through paper copies will still be provided for. Due to ECERS regulations, our preschool children will be given alternate activities outside of technology to learn, practice and reinforce new skills.

Staff will still continue to report to school work sites on NTI days at a designated delay arrival time. They will provide support to students and families by phone, text and online. Classified staff will continue to report to school work sites on NTI days at a designated delay arrival time in a similar fashion to the certified schedule. They will offer support to students or parents that may walk in and use this for planning time with the certified teacher.

Food Service staff will report on these days. These days will consist of food preparation for childcare, professional learning, and ensuring our cafeteria spaces are organized and cleaned.

Attendance for staff will be tracked by paper and/or electronic sign in documents. Attendance for students will be tracked through work performance.

We certify that this application was reviewed and approved by the
(School District)

Board of Education at a regular meeting of the Board on 3-19-2019
(Date)

Superintendent

Date

Local Board of Education Chair

Date

Completed applications should be mailed to:

Kentucky Department of Education
Office of Continuous Improvement and Support
Division of Innovation and Partner Engagement
300 Sower Boulevard, 5th Floor
Frankfort, Kentucky 40601

To have an application considered for implementation at the beginning of the upcoming school term, the application must be submitted to KDE at least one hundred and twenty (120) days prior to the beginning of the school term.