

2018-2019 Non-Traditional Instruction Program

Application for Returning Districts

KRS 158.070 Section 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), except that the commissioner of education may grant up to the equivalent of ten (10) student attendance days for school districts that have an alternative instruction plan approved by the commissioner of education for the use of alternative methods of instruction, including virtual learning, on days when the school district is closed for health or safety reasons, on nontraditional days, or on nontraditional time. The district's plan shall demonstrate how teaching and learning in the district will not be negatively impacted. 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 Nelson County

Date April 9, 2018

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

Description and Improvements to Program

1. Please give a description of the Non-Traditional Instruction program planned for the district in 2018-2019. Within the description, also address:
 - Revisions to the district NTI program in order for it to grow in rigor and efficacy for 2018-2019.
 - Program adjustments to improve the program for all its shareholders (students, teachers, administrators, parents, community members, etc.)
 - Any changes related to how the district handles food service staff and costs on Non-Traditional Instruction days.

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The Nelson County Schools will continue the use of various digital learning platforms for teaching and learning on NTI days for the 2018-19 school year. All staff will be trained by

September 30th on Google Classroom and other digital platforms to incorporate more technology tools into our learning. 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 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 and Transportation staff will not report on these days. Their contract days will be made up at a later time in the year as designated by their immediate supervisor.

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 Nelson County School Board *(school district)*

Board of Education at a regular meeting of the Board on April 17, 2018
(date)

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Superintendent

Date

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Local Board of Education Chair

Date

Application Deadline: May 11, 2018

Please download this application and return the completed form, including required signatures (scan completed document as a PDF file) to beth.peterson@education.ky.gov or mail to:

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