



## History of NTI

Prior to the inception of NTI, Kentucky school districts lost many days of instructional time due to weather related closures. According to the [2009-2014 snow days by district](#) data, the state had an average of 7.8 snow days each school year. The Non-Traditional Instruction program began as a pilot in 2011, then as a statewide program in the 2014-2015 school year. Since 2011, almost 1700 instructional days have been saved for Kentucky school districts, including a record 510 instructional days during the 2017-2018 school year and 399 instructional days during the 2018-2019 school year.

*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.*

## Existing NTI Districts

For the 2019-2020 school year we had 83 Kentucky school districts approved for the NTI Program through the normal application process found in 701 KAR 5:150. While this was a mild winter weather wise, these 83 districts have accumulated almost 200 NTI days to date in 2019-2020, primarily due to flu and other health issues. A map and list of these districts is available on the NTI web page.

## Emergency NTI Districts

In response to widespread concern regarding Novel Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) and the need to close school facilities upon recommendations of public health officials, the Kentucky Department of Education made available an application and waiver opportunity for certain sections of the Non-Traditional Instruction (NTI) Program administrative regulation, to allow school districts not currently approved for the program to apply for participation for the balance of the 2019-2020 school year.

## NTI Guidance

The Division of Innovation at the Kentucky Department of Education created an NTI Guidance Document that is updated annually. Currently, we are highlighting through daily e-mails, specific sections of the document that we are receiving the most questions about. You can find the NTI document [here](#).

## Additional Partner Support

There are a multiple of additional resources available to support the NTI work of districts:

- 1) The Kentucky Department of Education's Digital Learning Web page has lots of resources for maximizing NTI days <https://education.ky.gov/school/diglrn/Pages/default.aspx>
- 2) Kentucky Education Television (KET) has a wealth of resources through PBS and has even created an e-mail address for NTI inquiries ([nti@ket.org](mailto:nti@ket.org))
- 3) Check with your learning management system provider for additional support

## Social Media

Please use the hashtag #MyNTIKy as you post about good things happening on NTI Days.

## Additional Support

Please contact David Cook ([david.cook@education.ky.gov](mailto:david.cook@education.ky.gov)), Steven Kissinger ([steven.kissinger@education.ky.gov](mailto:steven.kissinger@education.ky.gov)) or Jodi Dempsey ([jodi.dempsey@education.ky.gov](mailto:jodi.dempsey@education.ky.gov))