

**Northeast South Dakota Head Start Program**  
**Virtual School Day Policy**

In the event that a classroom is closed for a day due to COVID, weather, or other unforeseen circumstances; teachers and home visitors may substitute with a “virtual” day of services. For centers, this will include a video from the teacher or teacher assistant including a read aloud and activities for the day that the child and parent can/should engage in. This will count as 3.5 hours of class time. For double session classrooms, it will make up one full day (presented to both AM and PM classrooms). For extended day classrooms, an additional video or activities related to quality daily routines will be added and will make up one full 7 hour day. For home base, the virtual day will include a list of at-home parent/child activities (usually already in the home) and a follow-up phone call or video to extend and/or explain the activities. This will count as a 1.5 hour home visit. (Other specific home base circumstances may be approved by the area Education Coordinator or Education Manager).

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