



Questions for Classroom Discussion

Making Up Snow Days

Why is it important to have a set number of days for the school year?

- *consider the need for equal instruction time across a school district, a state, and the entire nation*
- *consider how the length of the school day has an impact on planning and scheduling*
- *consider how a predictable schedule can help student learning*

What are ways that missing school days due to inclement weather can have an impact student learning?

- *consider the amount of material that teachers must cover throughout the year, and how time is limited*
- *consider the need for schools to focus on other areas aside from the core subjects (PE, Art, Music, etc.), and how extra time must be allowed for these areas*
- *consider the necessity for the education system in our country to compete with the systems in other countries, and how many countries have longer school years*

What are possible ways that time lost due to inclement weather can be made-up later in the school year?

- *consider options for making up full days, such as turning work-days into student-days, as well as going to school on holidays*
- *consider the possibility of extending the school year*
- *consider alternative options, such as adding time to each school day, adjusting the schedule within a school day (such as reducing time focused on PE, Art, and Music), or even having students make-up work at home via the internet*