



# Parent Information for eLearning Days

When we experience a disruption in regularly scheduled school days, such as due to inclement weather, and traditionally would have to cancel school, District 3 students are able to continue their lessons at home via eLearning.

In addition to avoiding breaks in the learning process, the use of eLearning days is less disruptive for families' schedules since there are no make-up days to be implemented. Virtual eLearning Days allow students to minimize the interruptions caused by bad weather days and continue to make educational progress.

Students will have regular assigned classwork on eLearning Days, and their teachers will be available electronically. Students will be required to complete and submit all assignments as well as communicate with their teachers during the virtual eLearning days.

Teachers will be expected to make contact with students, track virtual attendance and be available to students during virtual office hours from 9:00am -10:30am and 1:00pm -2:30pm.

FAQ:

## **1. What is an eLearning Day?**

On eLearning Days, students and teachers do not report to school, but will complete classroom activities using technologies for grades 3- 12. Kindergarten – 2<sup>nd</sup> grade will receive hard copies of their lessons in a learning packet that will be sent home.

## **2. How and when will students and parents know if an eLearning Day will take place?**

We will communicate school cancellations and the announcement of an eLearning Day through email, phone calls, district/school websites, social media (Facebook and Twitter), and local media.

## **3. How will students be informed about assignments during an eLearning Day?**

In grades 3-12, teachers will post their assignments on Google Classroom, Edmodo or Schoology. Students will download their assignments to their device ahead of time at school. Physical materials will be made available at the school, if needed.

## **4. How will students get help on their assignments on an eLearning Day?**

Teachers will be available through Google Classroom, Edmodo, Schoology, email and regular school contacts which will be posted on their school and class website. Teachers will also be available during office hours which are 9:00-10:30am and 1:00-2:30pm.

## **5. How much schoolwork will students be required to accomplish?**

We will not overload our students with busy work but will provide meaningful learning activities related to their current unit of study. Assignments should take a reasonable amount of time to

complete when on task. The actual amount of time online is less important than the work produced and/or created by the student to demonstrate learning and mastery of learning targets.

#### **6. When will assignments be due?**

As students complete their work, they should upload their assignments if Wi-Fi is available. If an Internet connection is not available, they will have up to three school days after they return to school to turn in assigned work. Parents have the option to bring completed work to the school during the eLearning days.

All students will initially be counted as present on the eLearning Day; however, if the assigned work is not completed and submitted within the 3-day grace period, the student must be coded as absent on the day that school was cancelled. Since their assignments are just like any others, failure to do their work will be graded in accordance with the teacher's grading policy.

As with in school assignments, parents will be notified if students do not complete their work.

#### **7. Do students with identified special learning needs have an alternative means to access their education on eLearning days?**

Yes, individual supports, services and accommodations for students with an Individual Education Program (IEP), or a Section 504 Plan will be followed as a part of eLearning. Hard copy learning packets will be available and special education will have extended office hours of 9:00-11:30am and 1:00-3:00pm.

#### **8. Do ELL students have an alternative means to access their education on eLearning days?**

Individual supports, services and accommodations for ELL students will be followed as a part of eLearning. Hard copy learning packets will be available and ELL teachers will have extended office hours of 9:00-11:30am and 1:00-3:00pm.

#### **9. Will my student have an opportunity to learn more about how an eLearning day works?**

Yes, our schools will schedule a mock eLearning Day where teachers will show students how to retrieve and complete their digital lessons just like they will do during a real eLearning Day.

#### **10. When is my student's teacher available should my child need help?**

Teachers will be online for office hours from 9:00am -10:30am and 1:00pm -2:30pm. Teachers may be contacted through Google Classroom, Edmodo, Schoology, email and regular school contacts.

#### **11. What is the attendance policy for eLearning Day?**

Students will be counted present when they:

- Complete and submit their digital assignments on an eLearning Day
- OR-
- Submit completed assignments within the three-day make-up window

If neither of these options are utilized, the student will be counted absent and assignments graded in accordance with the teacher's grading policy.

**12. What if I have questions about assignments or have technical difficulties?**

If you have questions about assignments prior to or on eLearning day, contact your child’s teacher or principal. If a student is having technical difficulties with his or her device, please call the Technology Office at (864) 279-6050 or your student’s school.

**13. What if a student does not have access to the Internet?**

We are aware that not all students have Internet access at home. When we anticipate having an eLearning Day, students will be given ample time at school to download all assignments and supporting materials. Because power and Internet outages are possible during school cancellations, all students are encouraged to download all materials prior to the anticipated eLearning Day. Wi-Fi hotspots are available at these locations:

<p><b><u>Local Businesses Free WiFi Hotspots</u></b></p> <p>Bella Latte          Bi-Lo          Broadway Bagels          Cakehead Bake Shop          Chick-fil-A          Clean 1 Coin Laundry          Clock Drive-In          Delaney's Irish Pub          Downtown Deli &amp; Donuts          Hardee's          Hickory Tavern          Hub City Books          Krispy Kreme          Le Spice Downtown          Little River Roasting          Lowe's Home Improvement          Mary Black Memorial Hospital          McDonald's          Monarch Cafe and Fresh Food Store          Montgomery Chapel Baptist Church          New Beginnings Church          New Salem Zion Church          Office Depot</p>	<p>Panera Bread          Papa's Breakfast Nook          Publix Super Market at Hillcrest Shopping Center          Scrapbook Creations          Spill the Beans          St Christopher's Episcopal Church          Starbucks          The Home Depot          The POWERHOUSE @ First African Methodist</p> <p><b><u>Public WiFi Hotspots</u></b></p> <p>Duncan Park Stadium          Spartanburg County Public Library          C.C. Woodson Recreation Center          Pacolet Library          Cowpens Library</p>
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