

e-Learning Days

What are e-Learning days?

e-Learning days are days where students are completing their coursework online through Google Classroom. Students check in on Google Classroom for each of their scheduled classes to find out what the expected activities would be.

Why are we having e-Learning days?

There is a tremendous amount of learning skills and content that is planned for our regularly scheduled school year that prepares students not only for future courses but also for college and career. When we lose a large number of days to unplanned cancellations, students miss out on that thorough preparation. Additionally, losing several days in a row can slow down the first couple of days back as students and teachers are catching up to where they left off.

When would we have e-Learning days?

Any time that school is called off (because of weather or other reasons) for two or more days in a row. The e-Learning days would be the second day and any following consecutive days off. As an example, if school were called off for Tuesday through Friday of a week, the Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday would become e-Learning days. This would include a Friday and a Monday called off over a weekend – Monday would be the e-Learning day. Another example would be having two days called off that are separated by a planned holiday break. For example, having the Thursday before Easter break called off, and then the Monday after Easter break called off would mean that the Monday after Easter break would be an e-Learning day. Additional e-Learning days may be initiated in the future for other reasons. e-Learning days will be posted on our school website and included in any Remind texts.

What kinds of things would we do for e-Learning days?

Students might be asked to watch an instructional video or read an article. They may be asked to write a response or take part in an online discussion. Students could be asked to research a topic and be ready to present the information. The content might be whatever they were covering in class before the cancellation, or it could be supplemental information that is also beneficial. It could cover additional practice of important skills or a creative project. Regardless of the format of the assignment, the task will be something that clearly contributes to the learning for that class.

Will these e-Learning day assignments count towards my grade?

Yes.

When would the e-Learning day assignments be available?

The assignments will be posted by 10 am on each e-Learning day. **It is important that students check their Google Classroom and school email early on any day that school is called off.** This is the means of communication by teachers for important class announcements. Checking early will help students to plan the rest of their day accordingly.

When would the e-Learning assignments be due?

In most cases, the assignments would be due on the first day back. In some cases, because of the length of the assignment, the teacher may extend the due date to a later time.

What if I have trouble getting on Google Classroom?

At this time of the year, we would expect that all students are able to get into Google Classroom. This means that students have “joined” each of their classes and have been accessing them on a regular basis. If any student has not joined one or more of their classes, they should take care of that immediately. Not being in a class on Google Classroom is not an acceptable excuse for not completing e-Learning day assignments.

What if I have trouble with my computer at home?

Most things students will need to complete can be accessed on computers, tablets, and smart phones. If a student has trouble with technology during an e-Learning day, they should contact a classmate or their teacher to find out what is required. If any assignments are impossible to complete due to technology issues at home, the student will need to request an extension of the due date from the teacher. An email from a parent would need to be submitted along with the request.

What if I don't have my textbook at home?

In most cases, the e-Learning day assignments can be completed without having specific materials at home. An exception might be having a band instrument home for practice.

What if I have questions about the assignments?

Students need to check Google Classroom early in the day so that they may contact their teachers by email with any questions about an assignment. Teachers will check their email at least once early in the day. Sending a question late is not an excuse for not completing the assignment.

So, tell me again, why are we doing these?

Because they will be greatly beneficial for our students and their learning!