

Implementation Plan for eLearning Days at Discovery Public School for school year 2020-21

With the weather we sometimes experience in Minnesota, we have put together a plan for eLearning Days in the event that we have too many snow days this coming school year. An eLearning day is a day when students will complete work from home. It will be counted like a regular school day, and attendance will be taken based on students logging in to access the assignments or communicating with their teacher.

Purpose

- eLearning is a tool that is more and more frequently used in our world today. Many employers will require eLearning or similar use of technology as part of job requirements. Giving students the opportunity to experience this skill as students will help prepare them for their futures.
- eLearning also gives the school an alternative to making up snow days at the end of the school year in the event we have too many.

Expectations

- When an eLearning day is chosen to replace a snow day, students will be notified via phone and text messages. The information will also be sent to local news agencies as they would be for a regular snow day.
- Teachers will be required to post assignments in Google Classroom or email expected work to students by 10:00 am. Student Google accounts and Gmail can be accessed from home or on a smartphone. Teachers will track which students accessed their assignment for attendance.
- Plans will be made at the beginning of the school year for students and families who do not have internet access at home. This may be a “set” standard assignment that is provided before the need for an eLearning day.
- Teachers will be available to answer questions and provide instructional assistance via phone or email during normal school hours on the eLearning day.
- Accommodations will be made for students with special needs by their case managers, as needed.

Scheduled e-Learning Days

- We will be using e-Learning for our first snow days. Be prepared to access your assignments online for these days
- We may also use e-Learning days as needed when we switch between learning models during the 2020-21 school year

Frequently Asked Questions

Is attendance taken for an e-Learning Day?

Yes.

Attendance will be taken for each individual class, so logging onto Google Classroom or communicating with your teacher is important to be counted as present. For students who have been previously identified as not having internet access at home, completion of required work will be used to determine attendance for the day.

How will students be expected to “make-up” their learning if not in attendance?

They will be responsible for doing the required daily work on their own time as they would in any other situation in which they may have been absent from school.

Can families choose to opt out of e-Learning days?

Students whose family chooses to not participate in the e-Learning day are reported as absent. It is up to the school whether to consider this an excused absence, according to Minnesota Statutes, section 120A.22, subdivision 12.