



FAQ: E-Learning Day

January 21, 2020

When will District 204 use an e-learning day? The district will use an e-learning day when school is closed due to inclement weather.

How will students and parents be notified if an e-learning day will be used? Parents and students will be notified just as they have been informed in the past of weather related school closings. The announcement will be made by 6 am and posted first on Twitter (@ipsd204) and at www.ipsd.org. The district will also make a Connect ED phone call to alert you of the information.

What will it look like for students? Student work on this day should be independent. If a student is expressing difficulty, they should contact the teacher for assistance. Flexibility will be provided for assignment due dates when appropriate. The work should take no longer than five hours for completion.

What happens if my child needs assistance? Teachers will be available to students through their school email. If email is not available, please call the school's main office. Your phone message will be sent to the teacher.

When will e-learning day assignments be posted? Assignments will be posted by the start time of the regular school day. Kindergarten and first grade students will be given assignments ahead of time to be completed on the e-learning day. Consideration will be given to students that need additional time to complete assignments due to unforeseen circumstances.

What if we don't have Internet access at our home? Students will not be penalized if they do not have Internet service, but they will be responsible for completing the work requiring the Internet when they return to school. They may also be provided with alternate activities prior to the e-learning day to be completed on that day.

What do I do if I have technology-related questions during an e-learning day? If a student is having technology-related issues, please contact our Technology Support Center at support@ipsd.org.

How will attendance be taken? Parents will receive a separate email in the morning with a custom link to complete their child's attendance. You must use the link to report your child as participating in today's e-learning day. If you are unable to access the link, you can call your school's attendance line. Please note attendance does not need to be reported for preschool and STEPS students. Students without Internet access can call the school attendance line.

How will the e-learning day impact after-school activities? After-school activities will be treated the same as if school were closed. All elementary activities will be canceled. Middle and high school activities will be determined depending on the weather and road conditions. Schools will communicate about after-school activities directly with parents.

Do e-learning days have to be made up at the end of the school year? The state has determined that e-learning days do not extend the school year, so no emergency days will be used at the end of the year due to e-learning days. Other rare instances may cause the cancelation of school and the need to add a day to the end of the school year. An example would be a lack of power and/or internet throughout the district due to a major incident or weather event.