



New Lenox School District 122
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Dear Parents and Guardians,

New Lenox School District 122 Board of Education passed a Resolution on November 19, 2019 to utilize E-Learning Days in place of Emergency School Closing Days. A survey was sent to parents in the Superintendent Update to gauge parent interest. There were over 1,200 responses and 87% were in favor of E-Learning Days. This unique learning opportunity is new to our District and will be evaluated on an on-going basis. Lessons for the E-Learning Days can be found on our [website](#). Paper copies will be provided upon request from your child's teacher. Below is a list of FAQ's that will provide details on the program.

What is the purpose of E-Learning Days?

- Ensures the safety of students and staff on inclement weather days.
- Maintains the school calendar by not adding emergency days at the end of the school year.
- Promotes learning beyond the classroom walls.
- Leverages the use of digital tools and supports 21st century learning opportunities.
- Provides students with ownership of their own learning.
- Engages students in meaningful activities.

How will families be notified of an E-Learning Day?

- Families will be notified of a school closing the same ways they have been notified in the past (Connect-ED, website posting, news and radio channels).
- A Connect-ED message will contain the directions and lessons for the E-Learning Day.

What are the guidelines for student assignments?

- A committee has researched and developed meaningful, independent learning activities for students.
- Not all work has to be completed digitally. Paper assignments are acceptable.
- If a student is having ANY technology concerns, then the paper packet should be completed.
- If a student has ANY difficulties with the content, then the teacher will help the student upon his/her return to school.
- Parents are not expected to be their child's teacher.
- Teachers will be checking email periodically throughout the day to answer any questions and assist students, unless unforeseen technical issues arise.
- Work will be due upon the student's return. If additional time is needed, teachers will make the appropriate accommodations.



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What if a student does not have Internet access on the E-Learning Day?

- Alternative activities have been provided for students to complete that do not require the Internet.
- If you have multiple students and limited devices, paper assignments can be completed instead of digital ones.
- If a child goes to daycare, we recommend that you work with your daycare provider to set time aside to complete the paper assignments.

What if my student needs assistance with the assignments?

- Teachers will be available throughout the day via email to assist students and answer any questions. Please note, they will be checking periodically and possibly helping other students, so please be patient. Teachers are not expected to be online all-day long. The E-Learning experience provides flexibility for both students and staff.
- Any additional assistance will be provided when the student(s) returns to school.

What if my student has special education needs or is an English learner?

- Students will have related service minutes made up by the service provider (Occupational Therapist, Speech, Social Work, Physical Therapist, Vision Itinerant, Hearing Itinerant, EL Teacher) upon their return.
- Students may be sent home with practice activities but these will not replace their related minutes.
- Students with special education services that are unable to participate in the District's E-Learning lessons due to their disability will be provided with alternative individualized lessons by their child's case manager.

How will attendance be taken?

- Parents will sign the E-Learning packet as proof of participation/attendance.
- If a student is ill or not participating in the E-Learning day, parents/guardians must call the student in as absent.

Sincerely,

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