

RTR E-Learning Day Frequently Asked Questions

What is an E-Learning Day?

An E-Learning day is used in place of a regular school day that has been cancelled due to weather or unpredicted school closure. This day will allow students to continue learning through educational engagement provided by the teacher for completion at home. Students will be given resources for each subject/content. Learning will may be exploratory and creative in nature. The lessons will expand/build on learning that has already happened in the classroom.

Why are we preparing for E-Learning days?

Minnesota is a wonderful state to live in but sometimes has some very harsh and chilly weather which results in difficult decisions for the safety of our students. The RTR school district would like to consider other alternatives than adding on days to the end of the existing school year and keep students active in learning during these closure days.

How will students, parents, and staff be notified?

The school will communicate to all parents and staff through the JMC Call Center that is already utilized. In the message sent it will state/read that this closure day is an “E-Learning Day”.

Will preschoolers need to be involved in E-Learning days?

Preschool students will be provided with tasks for completion. Preschool teachers will provide appropriate activities for students and provide the necessary tools. Families will be able to verify progress in learning and activity complete through a variety of methods.

What will happen if students do not complete E-Learning day assignments?

Attendance will be taken one week after the E-Learning day. Work can occur and be turned in that day or any day before attendance is taken. Students are counted present once assignments are turned in. If students don't complete their work in a timely manner, elementary teachers will work with students to help them gain completion. After 1 week, students in grades 6 - 12 may be placed on the ICU list until the assignments are completed. Parents should contact their child's teacher if there are extenuating circumstances that prohibit your child from completing the assignment satisfactorily.

What if there is only one computer in the house but multiple students?

Students may need to share resources in the home or other locations. Some students may want to work on offline options while others complete online assignments. Students in grades 6-12 would be expected to use the district-assigned device which may help alleviate the demand on the home devices.

What happens if students do not have access to a computer/school device or internet to complete the lessons?

Students and parents without home device access or with limited Internet access must contact the office to inform them of this fact so that needed modifications to assignments and due dates can be made. The student can obtain the assignment in a hard copy or electronic version during the next regular school day. Either way, students will follow the assignment completion and attendance requirements.

How much time are students expected to spend on an E-Learning day to complete assignments?

The expected time can be estimated at approximately 15 - 20 minutes per subject/class. Teachers have designed learning activities and assignment expectations to fit within that time frame.

Will staff be accessible during E-Learning Days? How can staff be contacted?

Yes. The school district staff can be contacted through their school email, which can be found on our school website. Google Classroom or another platform specific to their class, may be utilized mostly by 6th-12th-grade students and staff. Staff will be available from the hours of 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Staff may not respond immediately to questions but are expected to respond in a timely manner. If students struggle with an assignment because they can't contact a staff member due to lack of internet connectivity, they would still be allowed time to complete their work.

Elementary teachers can be also be contacted through platforms such Seesaw or Dojo. Parents can also share documents and videos of students completing tasks and assignments as a way to verify attendance and work completion. All teachers will communicate their accepted communication tools.

How many E-Learning Days are possible?

MDE allows for a maximum of 5 E-Learning days. Notice must be given no later than 2 hours prior to the start of an E-Learning day.

How will an E-Learning day accommodate students with disabilities?

As required under Chapter 125A, will have assignments designed to meet the needs of IEP/504 plans.

- Key stakeholders (case manager, parent, teacher and student) will collaborate to modify and accommodate lessons.)
- On an E-learning day, the classroom teacher will be the main resource for help on assignments and lessons. If a child ordinarily receives support or leaves the classroom and goes to another teacher for math, reading, or some other subject, then that teacher/paraprofessional should be available for assistance in that particular area.