

e-Learning Day FAQ | Marshall Public Schools

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 is the Marshall Public School District exploring and preparing for the use of an e-Learning Day?

With the resources available, and if prepared for carefully, we can mitigate the disruptiveness our winter weather can have on student learning. The viability and continuation of this type of flexible learning option as an alternative to a snow [make up] day will be reviewed to make sure it is accomplishing our goals.

How will we know we're having an e-Learning Day?

In the event of a school cancellation due to inclement weather, families will receive an automated phone call, text message, and e-mail from Marshall Public Schools. Messages will also be posted on the District website, social media, and will appear on local media outlets. E-Learning days will be announced at the same time as the school cancellation announcement. At the completion of each e-Learning Day, school administration will assess the day and determine adjustments for additional e-Learning Days.

What about two hour late starts and when school closes early? Will those days also be an e-Learning Day?

No. In the event of late starts or early dismissals for inclement weather, e-Learning days will not be utilized.

What grade levels will participate in e-Learning Days?

All our sites and grade levels will participate in e-Learning Days. Learning will look a bit different at each level and site, based on student age and ability. Teachers will develop activities and plans for e-Learning days that align to work that is taking place in the classrooms.

How is attendance taken?

Students who submit work assigned on an e-Learning Day within three days of the e-Learning Day will be marked present for that day. Any absences on an e-Learning Day will be considered excused.

What happens if a student doesn't complete the e-Learning assignments?

Work assigned on an e-Learning Day will align to work being done in the classroom at that time and will be treated like any other in-class or take-home practice work that would be assigned. To help accommodate for any student who is unable to access work electronically on an e-Learning Day, students will have three days following the e-Learning Day to submit their work.

What if a student doesn't have access to internet or a device at home?

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.

May a student access the assignments or complete the online assignments from their Smartphone?

Schoology can be accessed from a variety of tablets, Smartphones, laptop and desktop computers. The assignments may use a variety of websites and applications that may or may not work from a variety of devices including Smartphones.

Are teachers available on e-Learning Days?

Teachers, administrators, and other licensed staff will be available by e-mail, phone, and through the grade-appropriate digital learning space (Schoology, SeeSaw, Bloomz, Teams) from 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. and from 12:30 p.m. until 3:00 p.m. Staff may work from home or be on campus on these days.

Will school buildings be closed on e-Learning Days?

School buildings will be closed on e-Learning Days. Staff may choose to work from home or be at the school on these days.

What if there is one device at home, but there are 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.

Will we still have snow make-up days?

Yes – For the 2019-2020 school year, if one school day is cancelled prior to February 17, the instructional day will be made up on February 17. If a second school day is cancelled due to inclement weather, an e-Learning Day will be called. The e-Learning Day committee will meet following the e-Learning Day to review processes and procedures and determine the District's plan for any subsequent days where school is cancelled due to inclement weather (make-up time or use e-Learning Days). If the number of e-Learning dates exceeds the allowed maximum of 5 days, or if the e-Learning days are not meeting district expectations, we would also have snow make-up days.

How will Marshall Public Schools meet the needs of students with disabilities?

The IEP or 504 team will need to discuss how the individual student accesses technology and how the student will access the curriculum on e-Learning Days. The services to be provided to the student, including a description of how the student will access the technology and curriculum, should be included in the service narrative of IEPs as appropriate.

What if a student is on a prearranged absence?

The student would be expected to make up the learning activities and assignments just as if it were any other absence from school.