



Extended eLearning 2020 Information

General Information

Teachers will be accessible via email or another preferred communication tool (e.g. Schoology, email, Dojo, etc.) during the eLearning day and the following Friday to answer student and/or parent/guardian questions.

- Work will be assigned on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday and will be due by 11:59 p.m. on Friday of that week.
- Students will be able to complete work during ANY day of the week.
- Teachers will be available during eLearning days and the following Friday from 9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. to answer any school assignments. They may reach out to contact you as well.
- All online work will be due by 11:59 pm on Friday of that week.
- Packet due dates will be provided as they are picked up.
- Attendance will be based upon this work completion.

What will an eLearning day look like for students?

Teachers will post lessons by 9:00 am on the eLearning Day. There will not be a rigid schedule for students to follow but they will be expected to complete required lessons by 11:59 pm on Friday of that week. If it fits better into your family schedule, your child might divide the work between the two evenings.

eLearning material assigned by teachers will cover content that would have been addressed on a traditional school day; this is the very essence of blended learning. To further clarify, eLearning lessons may introduce new topics or they may expand upon recent instruction in order to add depth to previous learning.

Students are expected to follow the directions given by their teachers. Google Classroom or Schoology will be the tools for teachers and students for eLearning. All assignments are expected to be completed for all classes, and credit will be given just as it would be on a regular classroom day. By completing an eLearning assignment, your student will be marked as attended during the eLearning Day for that hour/class.

Teachers will be available online for questions or concerns on the eLearning Day and the following Friday from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm.

What if we don't have Internet access at our home?

Families that develop internet issues are asked to call the school office to request a packet by each Wednesday. Packets may be picked-up in the school office during an arranged time from 8:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.



The following are possible options for KVSC families:

Comcast Internet Essentials:

- Provides full Internet access for less than \$10 a month. Parents interested should ask building secretaries for a pamphlet.
- Comcast is currently offering low-income families who are new customers 60 days of complimentary Internet Essentials service. More information can be found [here](#).

Cell Phone Hotspot or Tethering:

- Families may have internet connectivity using a cell phone as a hotspot or through tethering. Families would need to check with their cell phone provider; there could be added data cost.

A friend or relative's Internet access:

- This could be a great time for students to collaborate with friends or relatives while sharing Internet connectivity.

My child has an IEP, 504, and/or ILP. How will they participate?

All students who have accommodations for instruction, students with IEPs or ILPs, will be provided with or have access to those accommodations. Please work with your Special Education teacher and your EL teachers in accordance with IEPs and ILPs.

For students for whom an online platform is not appropriate, teachers will provide parents with appropriate educational materials and learning activities. To clarify, these students are allowed to receive paper/pencil content.

What if the student's Chromebook is not working?

From experience, this is a rare occurrence but if it happens there are a couple different options:

- Because the Learning Management System is web-based, students may use any other device to upload their work.
- If the student doesn't have a device at home, they may call the school to request a paper copy of the material.
- Contact Tech support between 9:00 a.m - 3:00 p.m. by calling **219-956-3143, extension 2300**. When the student returns to school, they will need to take their device to the tech department to be repaired.

How do I contact my child's teacher?

If your teacher has not discussed how to communicate, start by either sending a message through Schoology (HS and MS) or send an email (all buildings). In addition, your teacher may set up other ways to contact him or her.

Your teacher will be monitoring both from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm on the eLearning Day and the following Friday. Be patient if you do not get an immediate response. Your teacher may be answering other questions and will get to yours shortly.



How will attendance be taken? How does my child get counted as present?

By completing the eLearning Day assignments your student will be marked as attended during the eLearning Day for that hour/class. Students must turn in the assigned work by the deadline. If an extension is necessary, please make arrangements with your teacher.

If a student does not participate in eLearning, they will be marked with an “unexcused absence” unless a valid excuse is given to the school for the missed eLearning day.

- If your child is unable to participate in eLearning due to reasons as stated in the Student Handbook, contact your child’s school to report the absence as you would any other day.
- Attendance will be taken by checking for completion of assignments.

Can more than one student login on a Chromebook?

Yes, Chromebooks can have multiple KV users log in utilizing the Google Drive login information.

What if I cannot access the sites online?

Reboot the device to clear out the memory and reset the connection to the local wireless network. Then, try again to access the site.

How can I get help as a student or parent?

All students have their teacher contacts for the eLearning days through Google Classroom, Schoology, or school email. Teachers will give preferred contact information to your students and will be available on the eLearning Day and the following Friday from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm.

Tech support will be available during the same hours by calling **219-956-3143, extension 2300**. Your teacher is the first contact to be made for help on assignments and academic needs. Technology can be called for issues with the LMS.

Tips for Parents

Do you have a schedule?

Children thrive on routine. It’s important to keep up as much consistency as possible, Keeping things consistent can help our kids to feel regulated, calm and make a potentially scary situation feel much more predictable.

Stay caught up on school work. Implement a daily schedule that includes eLearning work time and break times. If possible, complete all eLearning work on the day it is assigned. The tasks teachers give will build upon each



other over time. Staying caught up and ready for the next assignment will allow students to continue their learning and grow over time.

One example that is circulating online is found to the right. Academic time would be when students are using their devices to do their eLearning assignments.



Daily Schedule

Before 9:00 AM	Wake up!	Make your bed, eat breakfast, brush teeth, get dressed
9:00-10:00	Outdoor Time	Family walk or outdoor play
10:00-11:00	Academic Time	No Electronics! Reading, homework, study, puzzles, journal
11:00-12:00	Creative Time	Creative play, drawing, Legos, crafts, music, cooking, baking
12:00-12:30	LUNCH	
12:30-1:00	Home Chores	Clean rooms, put away toys, take out garbage, pet care
1:00-2:30	Quiet Time	Reading, nap, puzzles, yoga
2:30-4:00	Academic Time	Electronics OK! Educational games, online activities, virtual museum tours
4:00-5:00	Outdoor time	Family walk or outdoor play
5:00-6:00	Dinner time	Family dinner, help with clean-up and dishes
6:00-7:00	Bath time	Bath or shower
7:00-8:00	Reading/TV time	Relaxing before bedtime
9:00 PM	Bedtime	Put on PJs, brush teeth, clothes in laundry

What resources can I use to support my child's online learning?

Schoology- <https://vimeo.com/46433066>

Google Classroom- <https://youtu.be/xfgqtCi7hdo>

These top picks lists from Common Sense Media experts can help parents prepare for and make the most of online educational resources during school closures.

Resources and Advice for Online Learning

- [Free Educational Apps, Games, and Websites](#)
- [Apps That Act Like Math and Science Tutors for Homework Help](#)
- [6 Research-Backed Sites and Apps That Can Boost Your Kid's Report Card](#)
- [17 Apps to Help Kids Stay Focused](#)
- [Top Time-Management Apps](#)
- [Video Games You Can Say Yes to After School](#)
- [What to Ask When Your Kid Brings Home a School-Issued Laptop](#)
- [Apps That Help Kids Learn a New Language](#)
- [Poetry Books for Kids of All Ages](#)
- [Books About Coding for Kids](#)