



eLearning Inclement Weather Day Parent FAQ

What is the difference between a Planned eLearning Day and eLearning Inclement Weather Day?

Planned Day: Teachers and students are engaged in a virtual eLearning format for the day. This day is announced and planned for in advance in order to make up a previously missed day of school.

eLearning Inclement Weather Day: Neither teachers nor students are required to report to school due to inclement weather. Families will receive a Skylert call announcing that school has closed and will be using that day as an eLearning day. This will eliminate the addition of days to the end of the school year calendar. If there are multiple inclement weather days in succession, only the first two days will be an eLearning Inclement Weather Days. The rest will be made up by utilizing the two scheduled weather make-up days in the 2019-20 Kankakee Valley Academic Calendar.

When is a scheduled weather make-up day used?

There are two scheduled weather make-up days in the 2019-20 Kankakee Valley Academic Calendar. These days will be utilized when there are more than two consecutive inclement weather days. For example, due to poor weather, school is closed on both January 23 and 24. These would both be eLearning Inclement Weather Days and students will be working from home on the day of the weather cancellations. **However, if a third canceled day occurs, this will be made up as a Planned eLearning Day on one of the scheduled make-up days (February 14 or April 13).** Evidence shows that the level of learning on that third day decreases significantly and it would benefit students to take this day off and make it up at a later time.

What will an eLearning day look like for students?

Teachers will post lessons by 9:00 am on the eLearning Inclement Weather Day. There will not be a rigid schedule for students to follow but they will be expected to complete required lessons by the day after they return to school. If it fits better into your family schedule your child might divide the work between the two evenings.

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 these assignments, your student will be marked as attended during the eLearning Day and work scored towards semester grade.

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

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

A computer lab will be open for families to bring their students in on the eLearning Inclement Weather Day. The High School lab will be open from 9:00 am - 3:00 pm. Enter in the High School Guidance doors. Parents or guardians must supervise their children at all times. Students may not be dropped off and picked up at a later time.



While most assignments may require Internet, there are several options for families without Internet access:

- For some assignments the required files can be downloaded while at school in advance.
- For some assignments, the student may be able to do the actual thinking/writing process while at home and then quickly upload it when they return to school. (For example, if the assignment is to write a response to a blog, the student could complete it in a word processor while at home.)
- Parents may consider other options, like taking their child to a family member or friends who have access or to one of the many places with free public access, including an open lab at KV Schools.

***Note: students will not be penalized if they cannot get Internet service, but they will be responsible for completing the work requiring the Internet while at school upon return.*

Locations with public Wi-Fi:

Jasper County Public Libraries

- In addition to the computers provided at each branch for patron use, each branch of Jasper County Public Libraries also offers a hotspot for access to the Internet for wireless-enabled laptops and other devices. This Wi-Fi network is available daily from 7:00 am to 11:00 pm. *They typically run maintenance processes on the wireless network on Sundays around 8:00 am. The wireless network may be unavailable for a few minutes while these updates occur.*
- Use of the Library's wireless network implies acceptance of the Library's patron use agreement.

McDonald's (remind students to keep food and drink away from their device.)

- 338 N HALLECK, DEMOTTE, IN 46310-9419.

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- 8834 W STATE RD 114, RENSSELAER, IN 47978.

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- 819 SOUTH COLLEGE DR, RENSSELAER, IN 47978.

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 come to the open school lab, visit the library, or use another friend or family member's device.
- If the student cannot find a way to complete the assignments, they will be accepted by the time designated by each school on second day back to school after the eLearning Inclement Weather Day.
- 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 Inclement Weather Day. 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?

Students must turn in the assigned work by the deadline to be counted present for the day. No work submitted equals a day of absence. Physical work will be due the second school day after you return to school.

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 February 14th and April 13th 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.