

New Castle Schools eLearning Days 2018-19

We are excited to introduce to our schools this year eLearning Days for inclement weather. This means there are days this school year that students will continue to have school at home. Below is the scheduled plan for these dates this school year:

- **Built in snow day #1 - First snow day. Students stay home and there is no school for that day. We will make that school day up January 21, 2019.**
- **Built in snow day #2 - Second snow day. Students stay home and there is no school for that day. We will make that school day up February 18, 2019.**
- **Snow days #3 and beyond will be eLearning Days - Students stay home and complete lessons that day from home. K-2, Life Skill, and Pre School students will have paper packets and supplies sent home already to complete and return. Grades 3-12 will complete assignments on their school computer.**

This is now possible to do because our schools are 1:1 with technology which affords many new learning experiences for our students such as this. These school days from home will allow for less gaps in our students' learning as they will have real time lessons they are currently learning in class to complete from home. These days will also allow us to avoid using Spring Break days or days at the end of the year for makeup snow days which would also come later in the year and not support current instruction. Lastly, having this designed ahead also allows families to safely plan ahead for spring break and the end of the year.

Also built into our calendar are device take home practice nights for elementary grades 3-6 and practice eLearning days at school for grades K-6:

- **Device take home practice nights for grades 3-6 : 10/22, 10/29, 11/12, 12/10**
- **Elearning practice time at school for grades K-6: 11/20**

Our students and staff will be ready for this new learning experience!



1 - What is an eLearning Day?

The new Indiana Department of Education eLearning Day Program can be used on a day of inclement weather, on a make-up day for inclement weather, or on a planned day (professional learning for teachers, parent meetings, etc.). New Castle Schools will be utilizing eLearning Days for all snow days #3 and after during the 2018-2019 school year. Additional information from the Indiana Department of Education can be found at: <https://www.doe.in.gov/elearning/elearning-day-program>

2 - How will my student receive assignments for the eLearning Day?

For grades 3-12, learning objectives, instructions, and assignments will be posted in the student's Learning Management System called Google Classroom. Students in these grades have regularly worked in these learning platforms, have practiced at school for eLearning Days, and elementary students have practiced taking their devices home and have practiced what an eLearning Day should look like in class as well.

Grades K - 2 as well our Life Skills classes and PreSchool kids will have packets of work and needed supplies provided to them and will not complete assignments online.

3 - How long is the assignment completion window?

All assignments, either paper or online, will be due four (4) school days after the eLearning Day. Teachers will not designate class time when they return to school to complete work, but students do not have to turn in all work on the eLearning Day.

4 - How is attendance taken on the eLearning Day?

All students will be counted present for the eLearning Day as long as all assignments are completed and turned in within the designated completion window. If a student fails to turn in any assignment by the completion date, the school secretary is notified and the student will be marked absent for that school day.

5 - Will any of the school buildings be open on the eLearning Day?

No buildings will be opened on our eLearning Days. Since we are using these days for inclement weather, schools would not normally be open on those days.

6 - What if I need to get in contact with someone on an eLearning Day?

Teachers will have set office hours on eLearning days and/or on the days we return from eLearning to help students as needed with assignments. Students can communicate with a teacher during these hours through school email, Google Classroom or apps such as REMIND. Teachers will specify to families beforehand what is available for their students and families to communicate and their specific office hours.

7 - Will additional student support and/or additional building hours be offered?

There will be a Tech Hotline available to students and families for any technology questions or problems from 8Am-8Pm on an eLearning Day. This number is 765-593-6691.

8 - Will breakfast and/or lunch be provided at any building on eLearning Days ?

No, there will not be food served at our schools on eLearning Days. This is because we are using these days for inclement weather situations and our buildings are not usually open on those days.