

# New Castle Schools eLearning FAQ

## 1- What is an eLearning Day?

The 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 during the 2021-2022 school year. We will also utilize 2 planned eLearning Days /one each semester for elementary parent conferences and professional development for teachers at NCMS and NCHS.

Those dates are: September 29,2021 and March 9, 2022

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

For grades 2-12, 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 pre K -1 as well our Life Skills classes and Pre School kids will have packets of work and any 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 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?

For inclement weather days, 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 classroom apps such as REMIND. Teachers will specify to families what is available for their students and families to communicate and their specific office hours beforehand.

## 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. That number will be 765-593-6691.

## 8- Will lunch be provided at any building on eLearning Days ?

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

## Other Resources to utilize for eLearning

- Should you be interested or in need of a low cost internet source for your home:

<https://www.highspeedinternet.com/resources/are-there-government-programs-to-help-me-get-internet-service>