

Albany Area Schools e-Learning Plan

E-Learning Days are a means to maintain student learning during days of inclement weather. The goal of e-learning is to minimize the disruption to academic progress caused with emergency school closures by making those out-of-school days as educationally productive and engaging as possible.

The 2017 Legislature amended the Length of School Year; Hours of Instruction (Minn. Stat. § 120A.41) to include the option of a school utilizing e-Learning days with the following guidelines:

- Due to inclement weather
- Up to five days in one school year
- Counted as an instructional day and included as hours of instruction

In the event of a school closure due to inclement weather, learning expectations for all students continue through e-Learning activities, which will serve as student contact days. Albany Area Schools will strive to provide meaningful, Minnesota State Standards-aligned, learning activities for our students on these days.

A number of other districts in Minnesota are using similar activities for e-Learning Days. We looked at what other districts were doing to get ideas in putting together a plan to best meet the needs of our students, while complying with state laws that set expectations for e-Learning days.

Accessibility

By September 30, it will be determined what students don't have internet access; alternate plans will be provided to those students.

Attendance

Elementary:

Attendance will be taken as students turn in completed work within a three day allotted window. Students who don't turn in work within the allotted period of time will be marked absent for that day.

Secondary:

Students must log on to period 1 by 9:45 AM via Schoology. (Period 1 teachers will take attendance and enter in Infinite Campus.)

Students whose family chooses to not participate in the e-Learning day are reported as absent. It is up to the school whether to consider this an excused absence, according to Minnesota Statutes, section 120A.22, subdivision 12.

Staff Expectations

Staff will be available via email and voice mail from 9:00-11:00 and 1:00-3:00 for each flexible learning day. Staff contact information is available the Albany Area Schools website.

<https://www.district745.org/our-district/directory>

SPED and Intervention

Elementary and Secondary

- If students' IEP goals are not met by following the grade level plan, alternate plans will be sent home.
- If students who receive interventions are not able to follow the grade level plan, alternate plans will be sent home that focus on students' specific needs.
- Parents of students receiving Speech and Language services will receive plans via email or copies sent home from the case manager with activities outlined.

Elementary: Parents of students receiving English Learner services will receive a plan translated into spanish.

Specialists (Elementary Only)

Plans for Art, Music, Physical Education, and Media classes will be sent home with each student. Expectations are outlined on this document.