



## eLearning Days - Inclement Weather

The Mesabi East School District utilizes up to five eLearning days when school is canceled due to inclement weather. If we have more than (5) inclement weather days, the school board will determine if the days will be made up. Any time school is canceled, families will receive a message via instant alert (automated phone call, text message, email) from the school district if they are signed up to receive the notification through PowerSchool. In addition, the district will post messages on local tv and radio stations, on the school district website (<https://www.isd2711.org>), and on our social media sites(Facebook, Twitter).

If an eLearning day is called, families, students, and staff will have some time to adjust their day. Teachers will be accessible both online and by telephone during normal school hours on an eLearning day to assist parents and students. **If you need technical assistance, please call our technical assistance hotline at 218-229-3321 ext. 311. This hotline is only available on eLearning days to provide technical support to families.**

### Why eLearning Days?

When we have weather-related school cancellations, instructional time is lost. While eLearning days cannot replace the face-to-face time students have with their teachers, they can provide better continuity when the interruption occurs.

[Minnesota State Statute 120A.414](#) allows school districts to call eLearning Days in times of inclement weather. As a result, the Mesabi East school district has been working with its building leadership teams to build an eLearning Day process for our school district to utilize in the 2022-2023 school year and beyond.

District-wide specific items are as follows:

- **Frequency:** The school district will only utilize a maximum of five eLearning days throughout a school year.
- **Adoption and Consultation:** The school board adopted this plan after the district completed consultation with the exclusive representative of the teachers. This consultation took place in building leadership teams.
- **Technology Accommodations:** Any family in need of a device outside of district-issued devices or in need of internet access must contact the district's Technology Coordinator at the beginning of each school year to formally request such items. Our Technology Coordinator is JR Kopp and he can be reached at [jrkopp@isd2711.org](mailto:jrkopp@isd2711.org) or via telephone at 218-229-3321 x311.

- **Annual Notification:** The district will provide all families with notification of any changes to its eLearning Plan. This notification will take place at the beginning of each school year.
- **Daily Notification:** In the event, an eLearning day needs to be called, families and students will be notified at least two hours prior to the normal school start time.
- **Teacher Access:** Teachers will be accessible both online and by telephone during normal school hours on an eLearning day to assist parents and students.

### **Building Specific Plans**

Below you will find building-specific plans for our students and families. Should you have any questions about these plans, please contact the building administrator as listed below.

#### **Mesabi East Elementary**

Building Administrator: Mrs. Amy Maki, amaki@isd2711.org, or by phone at 218-229-3321 x208

#### **Student Work Guidelines**

All activities and assignments for an eLearning day will be posted to Seesaw no later than 9:15 that day.

PreK-4th Grade	Students will receive an eLearning Days board via paper copy, and will also be posted on Seesaw. The eLearning Day board will be completed per directions listed on top of the board. If possible, students are encouraged to connect via Zoom with their class.
5th and 6th Grade	Students will participate and complete learning activities and post to Schoology. If possible, students are encouraged to connect via Zoom with their class.
Specialist Classes	Students will be required to complete one activity on the Specialist e-Learning Board and submit it via Seesaw.
Title I/ADSSIS	Interventionists will each join a grade level zoom and go to a breakout room to assist students with assignments topics as needed.

#### **Mesabi East Elementary Grade Level Zoom Meeting Times PreK-6:**

Students are encouraged to join during the time scheduled below. However, additional meeting times may be scheduled per classroom teacher.

PreK: 10:00 am

Kindergarten:10:30 am

1st Grade:10:45 am

2nd Grade:11:00 am

3rd Grade: 11:15 am

4th Grade: 10:15 am

5th Grade: 10:00 am

6th Grade: 10:30 am

Attendance: Answering with the morning and afternoon message on Seesaw and Schoology as well as submitted assignments will be used to track attendance on eLearning Days. Students who submit an answer to the morning and afternoon message and submit the assigned work within two days of the e-learning day will be marked present for the day. Students who do not complete their assignments will be considered absent for the day.

Please have your child begin logging onto Zoom at 10:00 a.m. Students will be expected to do the following:

1. Login using their *first and last name*.
2. After the student's name, students should put their *teacher's first letter of their last name* to allow for the Zoom facilitator to put the student in the correct breakout room for instruction.
3. Your child's camera needs to be turned on so the adult can safely identify the child.
4. It is important that your child demonstrate appropriate online behavior as specified in District policy.

## **7th-12th Grade**

Building Administrator: Mr. Tim Mellstrom, [tmellstrom@isd2711.org](mailto:tmellstrom@isd2711.org) or by phone at 218-229-3321 x212

Classes will run on a two hour late start schedule:

Hour 1: 10:15-10:49 (34 minutes)

Hour 2: 10:53-11:27 (34 minutes)

11:30-12:00 Lunch

Hour 3: 12:00-12:34 (34 minutes)

Hour 4: 12:38-1:12 (34 minutes)

Hour 5: 1:16-1:50 (34 minutes)

Hour 6: 1:53-2:27 (34 minutes)

Hour 7: 2:30-3:05 (35 minutes)

Students will Zoom into classes starting at the beginning of the class period.

Teachers will provide students with Zoom links in Schoology

The amount of time required to remain on Zoom will be at each teacher's discretion.

Activities and assignments will be available in Schoology at 9:15am

Assignments will be submitted into schoology.

### **Attendance:**

Teachers will take attendance each period of the day, instruct, and inform students about what assignments and activities need to be completed.

Our attendance policy will continue to be followed on an eLearning Day. If your child is unable to attend, please contact the High School Office at 218-229-3321 x201

## Students with IEPs and/or 504 Plans

The information below is provided as general guidance when planning for students with disabilities. Individual planning teams will determine specific plans based on unique student needs. The IEP or 504 team will need to discuss the services to be provided to the student, including a description of how the student will access the technology and curriculum. This information should be included in the service narrative of IEPs and 504 Plans as appropriate. Related services that fall on eLearning Days should also be considered. The following language may be a guide for documenting in the IEP the eLearning program and the specific modifications that will be applied:

Include a list of specific IEP accommodations, modifications, assistive technology, etc. to be considered by the IEP team.

*Mesabi East School District may utilize virtual learning opportunities (eLearning Days) instead of inclement weather days. In these instances, work will be modified to meet IEP goals. Instruction will be provided to [student name] through \_\_\_\_\_ (online materials, synchronous instruction, paper and pencil assignments, projects, extended time...).*

Special education case managers will add an IEP agenda item to discuss eLearning Days at the annual IEP meeting.

The 504 Coordinator at each site will add an agenda item to discuss eLearning Days when planning the annual 504 Plan.