

Pillager Public School ISD#116
E-Learning Day Plan

Pillager Public Schools acknowledges that the best education for students is to be receiving instruction in person from our staff. We also know that E-learning cannot replace face-to-face instruction and interactions with teachers and peers, however the opportunity to have teachers continue their instructional objectives without interruption will allow a more comprehensive, continuous learning experience for all learners when it is appropriate and in the right situation, E Learning does have a place and fills a need. In the event that school is canceled due to inclement weather, Pillager ISD #116 is able to implement an E-Learning Day with our 1-to-1 Chromebook technology and digital instructional tools. Below are possible questions and answers that you may have regarding E-Learning Days. If you have further questions, please contact your child's teacher or principal.

What is an E-Learning Day?

An E-Learning Day occurs when, due to inclement weather, students will not report to school and will instead engage in learning activities using digital resources. These E-Learning Days allow for a smooth, continuous flow of instruction when it is appropriate.

Why are Pillager Schools using E-Learning Days?

With the Pillager School District now considered a 1-to-1 Chromebook district, we are able to have students bring their devices back and forth between school and home if the district is made aware of possible inclement weather. This will allow learning to take place across all grades without the consideration of weather interrupting students' learning. Our primary objective for E-Learning Days is to maintain the momentum of learning.

How and when will students and families know when we're having an E-Learning Day?

Just like in the past, weather cancellations and announcements will be communicated through the District notification system. Parents will be notified with JMC alerts and text messages. We will also post the information on the District website, social media, and local TV/radio stations.

What if there is an announcement of a two-hour late start and then school is canceled?

Teachers on all E- Learning Days will post assignments on Schoology (5-12) or Google Classroom (K-4) by 10:00 a.m. Teachers will be available to communicate with students until 3:30 p.m.

What grade levels participate in E-Learning Days?

Starting with the 2023-2024 school year, all students grades 5-12 will be taking their Chromebooks back and forth on a daily basis. Elementary students (K-4) will keep their Chromebooks in the classroom and when possible, the district will send them home prior to possible inclement weather or on a needed basis . Therefore all grades can participate in E-Learning Days.

How will attendance be taken on an E-Learning Day?

Accountability for students will be managed by teachers. If students log into the teachers' Schoology or Google Classroom and/or complete his/ her work at any time throughout the E-Learning Day, credit for attendance will be granted. Assignments and work expectations for secondary students (grade 5-12) on E-Learning Days will be managed by teachers and posted on Schoology. Elementary teachers will communicate work expectations with each student via Classroom and Classtag.

What if a student doesn't have access to the internet, a device at home, or is unable to complete the work from E-Learning Days?

Every Pillager student receives a Chromebook, however we understand that there may be reasons that the E-Learning assignments may not get completed. In those instances, teachers will give students up to seven days to complete assigned work.

Will the teachers be available on E-Learning Days?

We will be treating E-Learning Days as school days for students and Teachers. Staff members will be working their normal office hours from home (7:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.) and will be checking their email at various times throughout the day and will respond when available.

Will students have to make up E-Learning Days?

No. The intent of the E-Learning Day is to maintain a continuum of learning that will not necessitate the need to designate days on the calendar for snow make-up days or extend the school year.

What if a child is on a 504 or Special Education IEP?

Individual supports, accommodations and service for students with Individualized Educational Plans are reviewed, discussed, and agreed upon at the student's annual conference. Case managers for those students will serve as conduits for continued instruction on E-Learning Days and facilitate instruction according to those IEP's.