



THORNTON TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 205

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Legal Notice for E-Learning Day Program Public Hearing

Legal Notice is Hereby Given by the Board of Education of Thornton Township High School District 205, Cook County IL, that Thornton Township High School District 205 is committed to renewing its e-learning day program, extending it until June 30, 2027, to address severe weather or emergency situations. This initiative allows students and staff to engage in classwork remotely via the Google Classroom platform, using district-provided Chromebooks or other electronic devices.

The implementation of e-Learning Days serves the best interests of students, parents, guardians, school district staff, and the community by ensuring continuity of education on days when traditional school attendance is not feasible due to extreme weather or unforeseen events. These e-Learning days offer students access to instruction and academic support, catering to the diverse needs of all students, including special education students and English learners. The program aligns with the instructional delivery model on the Google platform, a familiar tool in District 205 for several years.

Below is a breakdown of how an e-learning day would work:

- Families will be notified through phone calls, emails, and website/social media announcements when an e-learning day will be used.
- Teachers will provide asynchronous instruction through Google Classroom during all e-learning days.
- Asynchronous assignments will be promptly posted in the Google Classroom platform.
- During the instructional day (*i.e.* during the District's traditional school day bell schedule), teachers will make themselves virtually available to students via email, the Google Classroom platform and/or any comparable means of virtual communication.
- Each student participating in an e-learning day will receive at least 5 clock hours of instruction or schoolwork.
- Due to possible technology or internet issues at home (including lack of access due to inclement weather), students will have an opportunity for up to 3 school days after school resumes in-person to submit their e-learning assignments; and

- Students will be marked absent in PowerSchool by their teachers if they do not timely complete their e-learning assignments.

This proactive approach ensures that students receive quality education and support even during challenging circumstances, maintaining the continuity of learning for all students in Thornton Township High School District 205.

The Board of Education will convene a public hearing on July 10, 2024, at 6:30 pm in the auditorium of Thornton Township High School located at [15101 Broadway Ave, Harvey, IL 60426](#). This hearing aims to address any concerns related to the e-learning day program.

For inquiries or questions regarding the e-learning day program, please feel free to contact:

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