

Elementary E-learning (Inclement Weather) Days 2025-2026 Information for Families

What is an E-learning Day?

In the event of inclement weather, Columbia Heights Public Schools (CHPS) may implement e-learning days to facilitate student learning at home, as stated in Minnesota Statute. E-learning days support instruction, social emotional check-ins, and school funding. Instead of learning at school, students will learn from home through live Zoom sessions with teachers and completing work on Seesaw.

Preparing for E-learning

E-learning days will be determined by the Superintendent on a case-by-case basis. E-learning days will be announced with an automated phone call and posted on the District website and social media.

In the event that an e-learning day **may** be called due to forecasted weather, students in grades 1–5 will be sent home with labeled chargers and devices. Kindergarten families will be surveyed at the beginning of the year to determine device needs. Families should continue to monitor district communication from the Superintendent. Devices and chargers **must** be returned upon students' return to school.

What Does an E-learning Day Look Like?

PreK	Kindergarten (K)	Grades 1–5
<p>PreK students will receive asynchronous work to complete. Teachers are available during the school day via Seesaw messaging, email, or phone. Work must be returned to school the following school day to be counted as present for the day.</p>	<p>8:30–9:00 Morning Meeting Zoom Session</p> <p>Teachers will post Zoom links to Seesaw.</p> <p>K students will receive work to complete for the remainder of the day. Teachers are available during the school day via Seesaw messaging, email, or phone.</p>	<p>Teachers connect live with students on Zoom and take attendance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 8:30–9:00 Morning Meeting ● 9:05–9:45 Math or Literacy ● 9:50–10:30 Literacy or Math <p>Teachers will post Zoom links and daily assignments to Seesaw.</p>

How is Attendance Taken?

In order to be counted as “present” for an e-learning day, students in grades K–5 must join the live Zoom sessions. While these days cannot replace the face-to-face time students have with their teachers, they can provide continued learning when school is cancelled due to weather.

What if My Student or I Have Questions?

- Students and families can reach teachers via Seesaw messaging, email, or phone.
- For assistance with technology, call (763) 528-4595.
- Families can contact the school.

