



SOUTHERN LEHIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

Dear K–3 Families,

We are writing to share important information about Virtual Instructional Days (VID) for the upcoming school year. Should a situation arise where we need to conduct learning remotely (such as severe weather or emergency closures), VIDs allow our students to continue their learning safely from home without losing instructional momentum. **VID days are separate and distinct from traditional school closures for weather-related or other emergency situations.** In the event of a traditional school closure, asynchronous or remote work will not be required for students or staff.

What to Expect on a Virtual Instructional Day

- **Asynchronous Learning:** On a VID, students will complete their schoolwork independently at their own pace. Asynchronous work is the primary expectation for all K–3 students on these days.
- **Optional Teacher Office Hours:** While students work independently, teachers will host optional Google Meet "office hours." These drop-in sessions are available if your child has questions, needs extra help, or would like to check in with their teacher.

K–3 Learning Packets

To keep screen time balanced and make learning accessible for our youngest learners, K–3 students will complete **paper packets** sent home in advance.

- **Previously Taught Content:** The material inside these packets covers content your child has already learned in class, ensuring they can complete the tasks as independently as possible.
- **Numbered Packets (1, 2, and 3):** You will receive packets labeled **Packet #1**, **Packet #2**, and **Packet #3**. Please keep these in a safe place at home.
- **Complete in Order:** When a VID is announced, please have your child complete the corresponding packet number (e.g., Packet #1 for the first VID of the year).
- **Do Not Complete in Advance:** Please do not allow your child to work on or finish these packets ahead of time. They are strictly reserved for official Virtual Instructional Days.
- **Digital Assignments:** When a VID is announced with enough notice to send iPads home, teachers have the ability to assign work through district approved digital platforms such as SeeSaw. Teachers will communicate directly with parents when applicable.



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Attendance & Completing Work

- **Attendance Evidence:** For a Virtual Instructional Day, your child's attendance is recorded based on the completion and submission of their assigned packet. All work must be completed and submitted by **10:00 AM the following school day** to be marked present.
- **Do Your Best:** Encourage your child to try their best on each activity! If there are any problems or questions your child is unsure of, their teacher will review those items together with the class on the next in-person school day.

Thank you for your continued partnership and support in making these transitions seamless for our students. If you have any questions regarding VID expectations, please feel free to reach out to your building principal.

Warmly,

Southern Lehigh Administration