



Northeastern Wayne Schools eLearning Day Parent FAQ

What is an eLearning Day?

The new Indiana Department of Education eLearning Day Program can be used on a day of inclement weather, on a make-up day for inclement weather, or on a planned day such as parent/teacher conferences, etc. Additional information can be found at <https://www.doe.in.gov/elearning/elearning-day-program>

How will my student receive assignments for the eLearning Day?

Learning objectives, instructions, and assignments will be posted in Northeastern's Learning Management System—Canvas, by 9:00 am in the event school is canceled. Link to Canvas: <https://nws.instructure.com/login/canvas>

What are the expectations if our family does not have Internet access at home?

If a family does not have Internet access (including if the family has lost power) students will be expected to obtain their assignments from their teacher(s) when they return to school. Students will have five (5) days to complete assignments.

Do students have to complete assignments in Canvas?

Teachers may opt to send home paper/pencil assignments. Teachers may also opt to assign a hybrid of online and paper/pencil assignments. Learning objectives, instructions, and assignments must still be posted by the teachers by 9:00 am on an eLearning Day.

What is the Canvas login?

The Canvas login is the same login information for all accounts students use at school. Parents may create their own Canvas account. Link to Canvas: <https://nws.instructure.com/login/canvas> Select "Click Here for an Account".

How long is the assignment completion window?

The Canvas assignment window will close at 11:59 pm, five (5) school days following the eLearning Day. Please see Canvas for exact assignment due date. Paper assignments, if applicable, will be given the next returning school day and are due within five (5) school days.

How is attendance taken on the eLearning Day?

All students are counted present for the eLearning Day. If a student fails to turn in an assignment, the school secretary is notified and the student will be marked absent.

Will buildings be open on the eLearning Day?

Buildings will not be open on the eLearning Days.

What if I need to get in contact with someone on the eLearning Day(s)?

Parents may contact a teacher via the teacher's email or Canvas. Teachers will hold office hours from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm each eLearning Day.

Northeastern Wayne Schools eLearning Days Potential Questions

- Teacher expectations:
 - What will teacher expectations be?
 - Teachers will have assignments for the day posted no later than 9:00 am on an eLearning Day.
 - Teachers will be expected to hold four (4) hours of “office hours” from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm on the day of the eLearning Day.
 - Will they be required to report to school or will they work from home?
 - For a cancelled day, teachers will not be required to report to school. For Parent/Teacher Conference Days teachers will set a schedule with their building Principal.
 - At the lower grade levels, will we include specials (Art, Music, and PE)?
 - “Specials” should work as a team to develop activities for students during eLearning Days.
 - The lower grade levels do not take home their devices, what are the expectations?
 - Lower grades can be creating in their planning for an eLearning Day. Spelling lists, reading time, math activities, all can be paper/pencil based for these students. There is also a five (5) day window for assignment completion so intermediate students can complete IXL, GoMath, etc. during that time when they return to school.

- Student attendance:
 - How will attendance be tracked?
 - All students will be considered “in attendance” unless a teachers reports to the main office that the required assignments were not completed during the five (5) day assignment window.
 - Will we take it class by class or half day vs full day?
 - At the elementary level it will be a full day. Form middle and high school students it will be on a class by class basis.
 - Will it be based on task completion or time on Canvas?
 - Attendance will be based on task completion, unless there is a specific time-sensitive assignment (i.e. 20 minutes of reading, 30 minutes of practicing and instrument).
 - If completion, what percentage of completion?
 - This will be an individual teacher’s discretion.

- eLearning day work completion window:
 - What will the window be?
 - Students will have five (5) days to complete required assignments.
 - Will this be a corporation expectation or will it be school by school?
 - This deadline will be a Corporation expectation.

- eLearning day scheduling:
 - Can built in snowdays be possible E-learning days?
 - Yes. The hope is to use Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (Monday, January 21, 2019) as an eLearning make up day.
 - How will we handle multiple consecutive school closure days due to weather?
 - This is a question we as a team need to consider and develop a long-term plan.
 - If we are prepared for eLearning days, are we committed to eLearning or is a face-to-face make-up day still possible?
 - While there is always a concern regarding “seat time” it is the Corporation’s belief that even an hour of student engagement in AR, IXL, etc. before testing is much better than a day of face-to-face interaction after testing.

- Accommodations:
 - How will we specifically address/meet 504/IEP accommodations, etc.?
 - With only a few exceptions it is possible to meet the needs of our 504/IEP students during the five (5) day assignment window.
 - How will we staff open school study areas/computer labs on eLearning days (e.g., an extra stipend)?
 - All building will be considered closed during eLearning Days.

- Parent/guardian communication:
 - We should develop at the corporation level the WHY response so there so all stakeholders are on the same page.
 - There is a currently developed FAQ for parents regarding eLearning Days. As this is our first time using such days we can learn from the experience and adapt as necessary.

- Technology Questions
 - Will we have one standard method of contact for troubleshooting of technical problems? Corporation wide or building specific?
 - In the beginning specific issues will be handled at the teacher level. Most questions should be resolved with little effort (normally it is locating an assignment, downloading a file, etc.) Should there be a need for broader technical support we can discuss what that will look like in the future.