E-Learning Student Expectations

CIS Families,

As winter approaches, Central will once again use eLearning days instead of traditional snow days when weather conditions make in-person attendance unsafe. We would like to share some important information about what this means for students and families.

If you have any questions about any of the information below, please reach out to your child's teacher or the school office. Thank you for your cooperation and support in making e-Learning successful!

eLearning Schedule:

Teachers will either send take-home paper activities or post assignments and activities on grade-level websites in Google Classroom by 9:00 AM on the eLearning Day. While the day is designed for independent work, teachers will be available via email from 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. to answer questions and provide any necessary guidance.

Grade-Level Specific Activities:

Teachers will design activities appropriate for each grade level and aligned with current classroom learning. Students may engage in a variety of activity types. For students who use Google Classroom regularly, assignments will be posted as though they were completing them in person.

Please be on the lookout for more information about eLearning at your child's grade level.

Attendance and Accountability

State law requires that students be held accountable for attendance on an e-Learning Day, and completion of assigned work is required. A student's attendance for the day will be determined by whether they complete the assignments provided by their teachers. If students choose not to complete the assigned work, this will be reflected through our typical consequences, including mandatory Homework Assistance and an impact on grades.

We understand that internet access may not be available to all families. Some students may not be able to complete *online* components or log attendance in classrooms using Google Classroom. To support all learners, not all activities will require internet access, and paper packets will be available for students who need them. For students using paper assignments, returning the completed work the next school day will fulfill the attendance requirement.

Teachers will allow students to "catch up" if needed upon their return to school. However, failure to complete assignments for reasons within the student's control will result in the absence being marked unexcused.

These e-Learning Days are designed to reinforce learning and provide meaningful, formative practice, but participation and completion are still required.

Student Illness:

As on a normal day of attendance, parents/guardians should contact the CIS attendance line to excuse their child if they are ill and unable to complete work on an eLearning Day. The normal school absence policy applies in these cases.

You may report your student absent by leaving a message on the CIS Attendance Line at 309-444-3943 or submitting an online Absence Request via Skyward.

Students with Special Needs:

- Any student who receives approved accommodations through either an IEP or a 504 Plan will participate in eLearning experiences for the courses in which they are enrolled. eLearning activities will be in accordance with their IEP or 504 Plan. Families with questions regarding the district eLearning Plan should contact their student's case manager to discuss how their needs will be met on eLearning Days.
- IEP and/or 504 meetings set to take place on an eLearning Day will be rescheduled. The student's case manager will contact the family to reschedule the meeting.
- Students who receive English Learner services will continue to receive appropriate services during eLearning days.

Social-Emotional Support:

The CIS School Counselor and Social Worker will be available via email should any students need social-emotional support during the school day.

Mr. Coovert: CIS School Counselor (jcoovert@central51.net)
Mrs. Cherry: CIS School Social Worker (acherry@central51.net)

Technology and Support:

If your child encounters technical issues, please contact your child's homeroom teacher. We encourage you to ensure that your child's device is ready to go and that they can access our online platforms before the eLearning day begins.

Tips for Success:

- **Create a dedicated learning space:** Find a quiet, comfortable space where your child can focus on their studies.
- **Take breaks:** Encourage your child to take short breaks between sessions to stay energized.
- **Stay engaged:** Remind your child to participate actively in activities and email teachers for assistance with assignments.

We are committed to making this eLearning day a positive and productive experience for all students. Thank you for your support and partnership as we continue to adapt to flexible learning environments. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out to Mrs. Bush at ebush@central51.net.

Sincerely,

CIS Staff