

2023-2024

Cowan Community Schools eLearning Day FAQs



Why do we have eLearning days?

eLearning Days provide school districts with an option for continuing an instructional day away from traditional time limits and a brick and mortar setting. eLearning Days provide teachers and students opportunities to engage with digital resources, to collaborate virtually, and to develop digital skills that are used and valued beyond K-12. Additionally, eLearning Days can help to limit the number of make-up days that need to be added to the end of the school year.

What are the dates for the 2023-24 school year?

For the first time, there will be a planned eLearning day scheduled for Wednesday, September 20, 2023. Students will not report to school on September 20th. This scheduled eLearning day will allow for important educator training and data analysis to enhance student curriculum and instruction. There are no additional planned eLearning days for the remainder of the 2023-2024 school year. Potential unplanned eLearning days will take place when there is a weather, power, water, or otherwise temporary unplanned issue. For any unscheduled events, we will continue to provide asynchronous eLearning Days. Recent legislation limits the maximum number of asynchronous eLearning Days to three a year.

What will the schedule look like for the planned eLearning Day on September 20, 2023?

All students will be required to participate in live instruction directly from their teachers as well as complete assignments later in the day. This is a full student day, so students will be expected to be engaged like a typical school day. Elementary students will be working live with their teachers from 9:00-11:30am and Junior/Senior High School students will be working live with all their teachers from 8:00-11:25am.

[September 20, 2023 Schedule](#)

How many potential eLearning days for unplanned weather events will take place in a row?

The maximum number of consecutive eLearning days for inclement weather or power outages will be limited to three. In some cases, a decision may be made by the superintendent to limit the number of consecutive weather-related eLearning days to a number fewer than three depending on the situation.

What will an unplanned eLearning Day look like for students?

During an unplanned eLearning day, work will be provided for all students in Google Classroom no later than 10:00am. Student work will be due by 11:59 p.m. on the following school day. (i.e. for an eLearning day on Monday, all work must be submitted by 11:59pm on Tuesday, for an eLearning day on Friday, all work must be submitted by 11:59pm on Monday)

How will attendance be taken for an unplanned eLearning Day?

Students will be required to submit completed work or other evidence that they engaged with the material that day to be considered present for the eLearning day. A student that does not complete any work or submit evidence of engagement will be considered absent from that class.

Will eLearning Day work be graded?

While specific points and weights for assignments are determined by the classroom teacher, eLearning work can be a factor in the grade for a student.

What if we don't have Internet access or computers available at home?

All students should be bringing home their school-issued Chromebook on a nightly basis. Families that do not have Internet connectivity should complete an application for a HotSpot or reach out to the building office for a HotSpot. These are extremely limited, so please ask early if you need Internet access. Also, a WiFi connection is available in each building's main parking lot if necessary.

What if my student receives accommodations?

Students will have access to the accommodations that are included in their IEP or 504 plan. Our resource teachers will work together with classroom teachers to ensure accommodations and supports are in place.

Are adults expected to supervise their student's work during an eLearning window?

Parent support will be similar to what your student needs on regular homework assignments. While the amount of support will be greater for early elementary grades, the expectation is that the majority of work should be completed independently by the students. Students or families that are unclear on assignment expectations are encouraged to contact their teacher.

Who do I look to for questions during an eLearning window?

If you have a technology-related question, please email our technology help desk at helpelearning@cowan.k12.in.us. If you have a specific question about an assignment for a class, send a message or email directly to that teacher through Google Classroom. If you need an email address outside of Google Classroom, please use the "Staff Lookup" tab on our [website](#). All emails sent by 3:00pm during an unplanned eLearning day will be answered by the teacher unless additional circumstances have been previously communicated. During the planned eLearning day on September 20th, questions after the live instructional time will be answered the next day in the classroom.

What if I am not sure how to access Google Classroom for my student?

Students practice accessing their Google Classroom materials on a regular basis. This is something they should already be familiar with. As a parent if you want to know more, here is a quick tutorial that provides valuable information: [Google Classroom Parent Tutorial](#)