

## **Rensselaer Central Schools Corporation E-Learning**

### **Frequently Asked Questions**

The Rensselaer Central Schools Corporation's application for E-learning days has been approved by the Indiana Department of Education. These days will be used in the case of cancellation of school due to inclement weather. Students will not have to make up these days.

#### **What is E-Learning?**

The Rensselaer Central Schools E-Learning days provide full access to online instruction provided by each students' individual teachers. Teachers create lessons in Canvas or SeeSaw- the school's learning management systems depending on grade level. These lessons would be interactive and relate to the curriculum for the specific class. These days fall within the 180 day school year. Students will have access to teachers via the Internet. If students do not have Internet at home, they may go to a friend's home, the public library, or a local business offering free wi-fi. In extreme cases of extended E-Learning the school may provide locations in the community for access to the internet via RCSC School Buses.

#### **Why have E-learning?**

RCSC recognizes classroom construction as the most valuable learning environment. In situations where inclement weather forces school cancellation, E-learning is the next best learning environment. E-learning days provide instruction and reinforcement allowing for progress to continue in an inclement weather situation.

Instruction is not interrupted, learning continues and the days do not have to be added on at the end of the school year. E-learning days occur before state testing in the spring whereas days added at the end of the year do not.

#### **What will it look like for students?**

Students will use iPads and/or Chromebooks in grades K-12 to complete content that would have been addressed if school were in session. Students who need extra help or have questions can contact the teacher through email or by calling the RCSC Offices. RCSC Staff will route the phone call to the teacher and a response will be returned.

#### **Attendance**

E-learning instruction will begin at 9:00 a.m. Students are expected to be online and ready to learn. Students who are physically too ill to attend or have other extenuating circumstances are expected to call the office to mark them absent. Otherwise, students will be marked with attendance by their teachers online. Students without Internet access must call the school office to verify attendance.

#### **Amount of work time required of students?**

A lesson could include opportunities to understand the lesson objective, deliver new content, and check for understanding. Each daily class lesson should last no longer than 15-20 minutes from start to finish.

**When is work due?**

All E-learning assignments are to be completed within 2 regular school days. Work turned in after 2 completed days is subject to the late policies of each individual school's policy regarding late work.

**Can I complete my work during the school day once we return to school?**

If you are without internet access and use the school's connection to complete your assignments once school is in session, it will not replace the scheduled work. Assignments must be completed before-or after school. They may not be completed during a scheduled class meeting.

**Teacher availability**

Teachers will be online and available via email from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Teachers may use resources to conduct online discussions with students using a variety of educational services tailored to the particular objectives being taught for the lesson.

**What if students do not have internet access?**

Students without internet access will be able to download the content needed prior to school being cancelled using the RCSC internet connection. During extenuating circumstances RCSC Buses equipped with WiFi may be placed in the community for students to access. This will happen in extreme circumstances.

For extreme instances where a digital device is not permitted to leave the building, the students will notify the teacher ahead of time so alternate assignments can be distributed in an alternate format.

**What resources will be available if students have problems?**

All school offices and the central office will be staffed and will provide phone and technical assistance for students in grades K-12.

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