

## **Cherokee County Updated eLearning Days Plan 2025-2026**

This district is designated as an eLearning District. Those districts who meet the criteria for an eLearning District as determined by the Department of Education may use up to five eLearning days to allow for the make-up of short-term disruptions to in-person teaching and learning.

### **eLearning Days Webpage**

<https://www.cherokee1.org/page/elearning-information-for-parents>

### **ELEARNING MODEL**

For any eLearning day used, the district certifies that each eLearning day will be 5.5 hours for students in kindergarten through grade 8 and 6.0 hours for students in grades 9-12, or a minimum of 200 minutes of daily instruction. Lessons provided should require a minimum of 200 minutes of instruction (video, reading, listening); the remainder of the time is for student engagement, studying and work completion, etc. These times are cumulative across subjects.

### **LEARNING MODEL**

Asynchronous learning allows you to learn on your own schedule, within a certain timeframe. Students should be able to access and complete lectures, readings, homework and other learning materials during the eLearning day. Special Education students will follow their individual program guidance.

### **TEACHER OFFICE HOURS**

#### **ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

9-11 a.m. and 1-3 p.m.

#### **MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL**

9-11 a.m. and 1-3 p.m.

Assignments will be posted no later than 8:30 am the day of eLearning.

## **INSTRUCTIONAL EXPECTATIONS**

### **What will an eLearning Day look like at my school?**

**For Teachers:** Because eLearning days are regular workdays, teachers are available to students and parents during school day hours. Instruction will be provided in the form of online meetings and/or provided videos (assignments). Lessons equate to 200 minutes of instruction. Additional student engagement includes 130 minutes (K-8) and 160 minutes (9-12). Videos, reading, listening, and completing assignments are included within minutes of instruction to equate to a total of 5.5 hours for K-8 and 6 hours for 9-12.

**For Students:** The eLearning day instruction will consist of either synchronous (live virtual instruction along with asynchronous class assignments to be completed at home and submitted to the teacher within a reasonable time frame determined by the teacher) OR asynchronous (no live virtual instruction, but with asynchronous class assignments to be completed at home and submitted to their teacher within a reasonable time frame determined by their teacher). Your school will communicate specific expectations in advance, so that you will be prepared for an eLearning day.

### **What Communication will Occur Prior to an eLearning Day?**

eLearning day expectations for students and parents are shared in advance regarding items such as communication and troubleshooting, loading of applications, resources or assignments and needed instructions, so that families will know what to do should the need for an eLearning day arise. Schools provide specific information directly to their families in advance of eLearning days in order to ensure consistent, clear communication.

### **How do I access my eLearning assignments (through Schoology, my district online Learning Management System)?**

### **What will Communication Look Like During an eLearning Day?**

Multiple means of communication will be available to both students and parents regarding eLearning assignments. Schools will post eLearning day directions and plans for students by 8:30 a.m. at the top of your learning management system class page so they can be found easily. The 8:30 a.m. deadline is subject to change based on when we are notified of cancellation due to inclement weather.

- **Email:** During an eLearning day, teachers will have their email open for quick responses. An automatic reply when teachers are not immediately available will let the sender know that the message has been received and a response will follow shortly.

- **Phone:** Teachers are encouraged to provide students and parents with a way to be reached by phone.
- **Other Forms of Communication:** Other options for communicating with students and parents include platforms such as Canvas, class websites, and Google Classroom.

### **Attendance:**

All students will initially be counted as present on the eLearning day. However, if the assigned work still needs to be completed and submitted within the grace period, the student must be coded as absent on the day the school building was closed. Since their assignments are just like any others, failure to do their work will be graded by the teacher's grading policy.

### **Assignments due:**

As students complete their work, they should upload their assignments. **Students will have three days to complete work assigned on an eLearning day upon returning to school.**

### **Network Support During eLearning**

IMS will monitor the 1-to-1 Help Desk System for tickets and the Tech Help Line for calls and voicemails.

Staff can open tickets for themselves or student issues by logging into 1 to 1 or emailing [techhelp@cherokee1.org](mailto:techhelp@cherokee1.org).

- Since the staff will not be at school, it is recommended that they provide a phone number they can contact if needed in the ticket.

Parents or Students can call (864) 206-2299 and leave a message. Someone from IMS will get back to them as quickly as possible. Callers should leave the following information in the voicemail:

- Their Name
- Student's Name
- Student's School
- Phone Number to return their call
- A brief description of the issue

### **Use of eLearning Days Reporting**

[List the dates on which eLearning days were used for the **2025-2026** school year along with short descriptions of the reason an eLearning day was enacted.

See the following examples that might be on a 2024-2025 report:

Ex. 8/9/2024 - *Tropical Storm Debby threatened unsafe conditions for travel.*

Ex. 10/14/2024 - *School closed for Tropical storm Debby on 8/9/2024. Weather makeup day was enacted as eLearning.*

Please note this section will be asked for **after the 2025-2026 school year.**]

The implementation of the e-Learning program is the responsibility of the Department of Education. Five e-Learning days may be used for the make-up of short-term disruptions to in-person teaching and learning (e.g., power outages, water main breaks). An eLearning day is used on the specific day that schools would otherwise have had to close due to an unforeseen emergency or when a make-up day would normally be used.