Washington Community Schools

eLearning Day Plan

eLearning Day Purpose

Washington Community Schools' eLearning days will allow students and families the opportunity for uninterrupted learning and instruction. Today's students are required to be independent, responsible, and to have the ability to thrive in an ever-changing environment. eLearning Days will provide Hatchet students the skills necessary to be productive members of a competitive technology driven society.

What is eLearning?

eLearning is the use of technology to access learning outside of the traditional classroom. Washington Community Schools' eLearning Days will allow teachers to design instruction through online resources to students to minimize disruptions to learning and to minimize the need to add less productive days to the school calendar.

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Will every school cancellation result in an eLearning Day?

No. For the 2018-2019 school year, the WCS administrative team is proposing using a make-up day in March as a trial eLearning Day. If the winter results in many missed days of school, an eLearning Day could be utilized later in the spring too.

If this year's use of an eLearning Day is a success, for the 2019-2020 school year, we are proposing no more than 3 eLearning Days, never used consecutively, and available on the day of the cancellation.

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What can be expected as far as instruction and assignments on an eLearning Day?

- Learning will look similar to what a student sees on a traditional type of day.
- Students will access familiar digital resources that will enhance previously learned skills.
- Each class assignment should not take more than 30 minutes for elementary students and 45 minutes for MS/HS students. Students should not need assistance beyond a typical night's work.
- Teachers will be available from 9 to 11am and 1 to 3pm to support students through email.

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What can be expected as far as instruction and assignments on an eLearning Day?

- **Assignments will be posted by the start of a pre-planned eLearning Day (March 2019).**
- **Assignments will be posted by 9:00am of a cancelled day.**
- **A WCS eLearning Day dedicated web page will provide students and families direct access to the lessons. This approach will provide a clear way for teachers to provide directions and students/families to see what learning tasks to complete.**

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What can be expected as far as instruction and assignments on an eLearning Day?

- Assignments can be completed on the day of the eLearning Day. However, to accommodate those with no Internet or a digital device, the assignment will not be due until the end of the 2nd school day after the eLearning Day.
- Attendance will be based on assignment completion. Students who do not complete assignments, will be counted absent.

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What do I do if I do not have Internet or a digital device at home?

- Assignment details will be posted on the school website. However, not all assignments will require the Internet or device to complete.
- Students will have 2 additional school days to complete work.
- An after school "tech lab" will be available until 5pm on the first school day following an eLearning Day to support assignment completion.
- A list of community partners for eLearning days will be available on our school website.

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What if I need tech support on the eLearning Day?

- **WCS IT department will maintain an IT help page with information of likely technological issues.**
- **WCS IT department will make available a phone number on the school webpage that may be used to leave a voice message with potential issues. WCS IT will respond to individuals with support as needed.**

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Proposal for 2018-2019

- **Continue to use Five Star tech training days to support teachers in developing high quality eLearning Day lessons.**
- **Teachers will continue to prepare students for an eLearning Day through utilizing digital tools in class.**
- **An "at-school" eLearning practice day will be held on March 13 to highlight our eLearning Day plan with a specific focus on ensuring our youngest Hatchets will know how to access lessons.**

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Proposal for 2018-2019

- **In the event that at least one snow day occurs after January 4, no more than one (1) of the built in make up days in March (March 20-22) would be used as a pre-planned eLearning Day.**
- **Each building will open a tech lab after school on Monday, April 1 to support assignment completion.**
- **Students assignments will be due by the end of the day on Tuesday, April 2.**
- **If deemed a success, an additional eLearning Day may be used in April/May if needed.**

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