



Minnewaska Area School District eLearning Plan

Again this year, the Minnewaska Area School District will implement it for the 2021-22 school year. We are fortunate to be able to address a school closing through an eLearning day. This document is intended to provide background information as well as inform you how eLearning days will be conducted.

The closing of school for inclement weather is a serious matter and safety is the prevailing factor in reaching this decision. After consultation with officials from the bus company and neighboring school district superintendents, a decision on school closure is made as early as possible.

It is important to note that when the school is closed it may continue to be considered a school day that counts towards student attendance. Students and teachers may still be expected to participate in an eLearning day.

Our preference is to have students in school with teachers and classmates. However, technology offers opportunities to continue to learn in the event a decision is made to close school. Because of the commitment our School Board has made to technology, and the fact that over 95% of our students have Internet access, learning does not have to stop.

If the decision is made to close school and conduct an eLearning day, it will be made prior to 6:10 am in the morning the eLearning day is scheduled. The decision will be communicated to you via the television, radio, the district website, a voicemail, e-mail or text via School Messenger (emergency messenger system).

The following information describes our eLearning day:

1. The assignment/activity for each class will be listed on the teacher's online classroom under the eLearning tab by 9:00 am.
2. Teachers will be available during regular school hours (7:45 am-3:45 pm) by phone and email for questions that students or parents may have. Check the eLearning tab for the teacher's direct contact information.

3. The eLearning day is considered a student day requiring attendance. Students and teachers are expected to participate in the eLearning day and attendance is required.
 - a. Grades K-3: Attendance will be determined by the student submitting to the teacher the next school day the assignments/activities indicated on the teacher's website/seesaw.
 - b. Grades 4-12: Attendance will be determined by students completing assignments/activities assigned on the teacher's online classroom.
4. Students who choose not to participate will receive an unexcused absence.
5. The proposed guidelines for total amount of work time per grade level for a student are listed below.
 - Kindergarten: 45 minutes-1 hour
 - First & Second Grade: 1-2 hours
 - Third & Fourth Grade: 2-3 hours
 - MS & HS: 30 minutes per class
6. If you do not have access to the internet, or if there is an insufficient amount of technology for the number of children in your home, please contact your child's teacher or building principal to discuss options.
7. Student and teacher responsibilities are specifically identified in the eLearning Day Expectation document. [Click here to view the document.](#)

Should you have any questions about these procedures, please feel free to contact your child's teacher(s) and/or the respective building level principal.