



Minnewaska Area School District eLearning Plan

Information for Students and Parents:

Again this year, the Minnewaska Area School District will implement a **Weather Related eLearning Plan** for the 2020-21 school year.

We are fortunate to be able to address a school closing, due to inclement weather, 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 will continue to be considered a school day that counts towards student attendance. Students and teachers will 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 Posted on Seesaw for grades E-3 and on Google Classroom for grades 4-12 by 9:00 am. Students in grades K-3 will also receive a paper copy of eLearning activities prior to any school cancellation that they can follow in the event that they do not have access to the internet or a device that can access Seesaw.
2. Teachers will be available during regular school hours (8:10 am-3:30 pm) by video conference 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 assignments to their teacher within the next 2 days following the weather experience.
 - b. **Grades 4-6:** Attendance will be determined by the student submitting assignments to their teacher within the next 2 days following the weather experience.
 - c. **Grades 7-12:** Attendance will be determined by students logging in online as they do during their traditional hybrid days. Students can log in on our website at
 - i. Middle School at: <https://www.minnewaska.k12.mn.us/middle-school/>
 - ii. High School at: <https://www.minnewaska.k12.mn.us/high-school/>
 - d. **WIN Academy:** Attendance will be determined by students submitting assignments to their teachers/practitioners within the next 2 days following the weather experience and/or participating in required Telemedicine sessions.
4. Students who choose not to participate will receive an unexcused absence unless an illness or other excused reason for absence is reported by the parent to the school's attendance line.
5. 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. Paper copies of eLearning activities will be provided to all students in grades K-3.
6. Student and teacher responsibilities are specifically identified in the **eLearning Day Expectation Document**