

e-Learning Plan

The mission of Eden Prairie Schools (EPS) is to *Inspire Students to learn* continuously, so they are empowered to reach personal fulfillment and contribute purposefully to our everchanging world. EPS has a longstanding tradition of innovative practices, which includes *Personalized Learning*. The EPS e-Learning plan was developed to harness the tenets of our mission, our commitment to innovation and Personalized Learning. In addition, our plan aligns with processes already used in school districts in Minnesota, and adheres to Minnesota Statute 120A.414

E-Learning Days vs. On-Line Learning

Eden Prairie Schools currently offers several on-line courses through Eden Prairie High School using an On-Line Learning format. Unlike our on-line learning option, e-Learning days may only be used for instances where inclement weather prevents students from attending school on-campus; may be counted as an instructional day, included as hours of instruction, and for up to a maximum of 5 days in one school year. (Minnesota Department of Education memo, March 2018).

Technology Devices and Internet Access

Since 2013 Eden Prairie Schools has provided iPads to each 7th and 8th grade student and MacBooks to each 9th - 12th grade student. Survey data from families indicates that students have internet access in the home. If/when students do not have access to internet, schools will work with individual students to ensure their learning needs are met.

Student - Teacher Interaction

During an e-Learning Day, 7-12 teachers will provide electronic academic learning experiences via our Schoology Learning Management system.

Teachers will be available by email or Schoology during inclement weather school hours, which are outlined below. Students or parents may also leave a phone message, and teachers will provide prompt responses to questions. Teachers will provide information about assignment due dates.

- Lessons will be available by 9:30 a.m.
- Teachers will be available from 9:30 a.m. 3:30 p.m.

Frequently Asked Questions

How will families be notified of an e-Learning day?

The first day of school closure due to inclement weather **WILL NOT** be an e-Learning day. Each subsequent day of school closure due to inclement weather, and up to five days will be an e-Learning day.

District families will be notified of any emergency school closures or e-Learning days through the emergency phone system and district email. If you don't see or hear any announcement, assume that school is in session.

Will attendance be monitored on e-learning days?

Yes, per the Minnesota Department of Education, teachers must take attendance to ensure each student is present. Teachers will submit attendance via our student information system.

Supporting students serviced with an Individualized Education Program:

During an e-Learning Day, 7-12 teachers will provide electronic academic learning experiences via our Schoology Learning Management system. When necessary, special education teachers will work with classroom teachers to modify lessons to support student learning needs.

Supporting the needs of English Learners:

During an e-Learning Day, 7-12 teachers will provide electronic academic learning experiences via our Schoology Learning Management system. Eden Prairie Schools employs cultural liaisons to support home-school communication. In addition, teachers have access to the language line for interpreting support.

May families choose to opt out of e-Learning days?

Students whose family chooses to not participate in the e-Learning day are reported as absent. It is up to the school whether to consider this as an excused absence, according to Minnesota Statutes, section 120A.22, subdivision 12.