

e-Learning Program

Pleasant Valley has decided to move forward with utilizing e-Learning days as an alternative for emergency days. Please take a look at the following information regarding our e-Learning Program.

The term “e-Learning day” refers to a school day when instead of coming into a school building, teachers and students communicate online. Depending on the grade, students may communicate through Google classroom, email or other digital learning, as well as engage in paper and pencil activities.

These emergency e-Learning days will be utilized if school were to be closed due to inclement weather. Parents/guardians will receive an automated phone call or text stating that an e-Learning day will be used. Announcements regarding the use of e-Learning day will also be made on TV stations WEEK and WMBD, as well as via the school Facebook page.

- Students should NOT report to school but should engage in flexible learning activities as assigned
- Teachers will post work by 9am for students in grades 3-8. Students in grade pre K-2 will engage in choice board activities provided by their classroom teacher.
- Teachers will be available through Google classroom or email from 9am - 2pm to answer questions and provide guidance.

The following is a list of “state requirements districts had to fulfill in order to begin utilizing these e-Learning days. These requirements are listed below...

- Ensure and verify at least 5 clock hours of instruction or school work, as required under Section 10-19.05, for each student participating in an e-Learning day
- Ensure access from home or other appropriate remote facility for all students participating, including computers, the internet, and other forms of electronic communication that must be utilized in the proposed program
- Ensure that non-electronic materials are made available for students participating in the program who do not have access to the required technology or to participating traces or students who are prevented from accessing the required technology
- Ensure appropriate learning opportunities for students with special needs
- Monitor and verify each student’s electronic participation
- Address the extent to which student participation is within the students control as to the time, pace and means of learning
- Provide staff and students with adequate training for e-Learning days’ participation
- Ensure that all teachers and staff who may be involved in the provisions of e-Learning have access to any and all hardware and software that may be required for the program
- Ensure an opportunity for any collective bargaining negotiations with representatives of the school district employees who are represented by collective bargaining agreements and who would be affected in the event of an e-Learning day
- Review and revise the program as implemented to address difficulties confronted
- Ensure that the protocol regarding general expectations and responsibilities of the program is communicated to teachers, staff, and students at least 30 days prior to utilizing a e-Learning day

The district must also hold a public hearing to answer any questions the public may have in regards to e-Learning. This hearing will be held at the board meeting on September 28th at 6:00pm.