

Why do we need to have synchronous elearning days?

Last spring our state legislature passed House Bill 1093 requiring that elearning would have to be synchronous in order for it to count toward our required 180 days of instruction. School districts are limited to 3 asynchronous elearning days. If we have a rough winter as predicted, we will likely have to use elearning days. We will not have to make these up in the summer if we can meet the requirements of synchronous elearning. In order to prepare for this, we have scheduled two synchronous elearning days on September 26th and November 2nd. We will be able to work out any problems by having these scheduled “practice” days.

What is synchronous learning, and what does it look like?

Synchronous virtual learning is when the teacher and class are engaging with each other in real time. Both the teacher and student are on the classroom platform at the same time. This could take the form of livestreaming video, or it could be communicating through messaging or email. It doesn't have to be video livestreaming.

What do the lessons look like?

Using the GoGuardian program as a way to monitor the students' screens, the lessons are similar to how students use chromebooks in the classroom. Class discussions, written responses, educational videos, interactive games, and many other options could be incorporated into the lesson.

What will the day look like on September 26th?

Students will stay home and will need their chromebooks and a reliable internet source. Students without a way to get internet, should contact the school as soon as possible to receive a T-mobile Hot Spot. These are available through the school.

What will be the schedule?

The schedule will be like a shortened version of an instructional day. Elementary students will need to log into their Google classroom at 9:00 AM and stay logged in until 11:45 AM.

Junior high and high school students will need to log into their first period class by 8:30 AM. The high school schedule will follow like a normal day with 26-minute periods:

1st period 8:30-8:56

2nd period 9:00-9:26

3rd period 9:30-9:56

4th period 10:00-10:26

5th period 10:30-10:56

6th period 11:00-11:26

7th period 11:30-11:56

Students will need to be logged into their Google classes during these times in order to be counted present for attendance.

How are the students being prepared?

Students are being prepared in the classroom by practicing on their chromebooks and teachers are communicating with them on what they need to do. Kindergarten through 2nd grade is having an “Elearning Night” on Thursday September 15th at 6:00 PM to practice and answer any questions about the process.

If you have any questions or need internet, please contact the school.