

## eLearning Day Frequently Asked Questions for Parents

This document will serve as an FAQ with information regarding eLearning days for parents and students.

Q: What is an eLearning day?

A: The Indiana Department of Education (IDOE) established the [Virtual Option for Inclement Weather](#) (known informally as eLearning days) in 2014 as a response to schools who had the ability to provide high quality instruction electronically in the event of severe weather that would normally require a school day to be cancelled. Provided that a school can meet several assurances, the IDOE will grant the school the ability to provide instruction to students virtually and to count the day as a regular school day. IDOE requires that all activities on an eLearning day take place as if a regular school day was occurring and all students have access to any individual accommodations or supports as needed.

Q: Why is STOH utilizing eLearning days?

A: Due to changes in how IDOE allows schools to make assurances that learning can occur, a committee of teachers, administrators, and parents studying eLearning Days felt that we could effectively meet the state requirements. Occasionally STOH has days missed due to inclement weather. This would allow us to avoid using our built-in snow days at the end of the school year. This would also give our students an opportunity to continue learning without interruptions.

Q: How will my child access their materials on an eLearning day?

A: For students in grades Kindergarten through 12th grade, we will be utilizing Google Classroom to post student assignments, facilitate discussions, and submit work. All students are given a district-issued Google Apps account to access materials.

Q: What if my child does not have internet access during the day?

A: We understand that not all students have access to a device during the day due to individual situations, such as loss of internet due to inclement weather, child day care, multiple students at home with a single computer, or parent availability during the work day. Because of this students will have up to 3 days to complete any assigned learning tasks and turn in the work.

Q: How do I get in touch with my child's teacher on an eLearning day?

A: All teachers are required to post the agenda for the day's learning goals by 9:00 am and will be available from 9:00 am until 3:00 pm by email or whatever method your teacher uses regularly to communicate with you. Teachers will be responsible for letting parents and students know of their availability during the school day and the method by how they can be contacted (email, REMIND, ClassDojo, etc.)

Q: Who do I contact if I need help during the eLearning day?

A: Your child's teacher will be your direct contact for any questions regarding assignments and instruction. For any questions or problems regarding Google Classroom, we will make available an online video to assist with logging in. It will be housed on the STOH eLearning website page. [http://www.highland.k12.in.us/academics\\_student\\_services/e\\_learning\\_days/](http://www.highland.k12.in.us/academics_student_services/e_learning_days/)

Q: What kinds of activities will my child be doing on an eLearning day?

A: The expectation from IDOE is that instruction will continue in the same progression as it would on a regular school day. Thus, depending on the content being covered that day, students may be given information on a topic, assigned activities to practice a skill, collaborate with partners on a project, or be given an assessment to evaluate learning.

Q: How can I prepare my child to be successful on an eLearning day?

A: Most of our classes are already utilizing Google Classroom as a part of their regular daily instruction. STOH is using regular school day time to practice this process with students. We encourage parents to go through the process with their students at home so that they, too, know how to get support and access materials on an eLearning day.

Q: Who do I contact if I have further questions about eLearning days that are not answered here?

A: We encourage you to contact your child's teacher to learn more about their specific plans for supporting learning on an eLearning day. You may also visit [www.highland.k12.in.us/elearning](http://www.highland.k12.in.us/elearning) for more information.