

Remote Learning Day FAQ

What are “Remote Learning Days”?

When severe weather events or other emergencies prevent safe travel to school, students will complete school work at home.

How are Remote Learning Days different than a traditional “snow day”?

Remote Learning Days allow students to continue engaging with the current curricular units of study rather than add a day at the end of the school year when the unit has passed. While this type of learning environment can never replicate the traditional classroom environment, it can serve as an extension of previous learning or a bridge to future lessons, with technology allowing students and teachers to engage in new ways.

What will students do on Remote Learning Days?

Remote Learning Day activities will include content generally aligned to learning objectives from the current instructional unit. The activities will be relevant, meaningful and manageable. This could include activities involving technology, and other activities not involving technology. Remote Learning Days are used to preserve instructional consistency and maintain the teaching and learning process instead of adding days at the end of the school year well after the current unit is over. Teachers are available for support from 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM. They can be reached via e-mail, phone, Seesaw, Google Classroom, or Go Guardian chat.

How will students be informed of their assignments?

Assignments will be posted by 9:00 AM in a variety of ways: posting on the district website, Google Classroom, Seesaw, direct e-mail to parents. Parents and students can always start by checking the website (www.maercker.org) for ways in which assignments were sent out.

How will student attendance be recorded?

Students are required to “check-in” by 1:00 PM via a Google Form link found on the district website. Parents are still required to contact the school office if their child will be “absent” and not participating in the Remote Learning Day.

When are assignments due?

Assignments are due the next school day. Families should contact the teacher if there is an extenuating circumstance.

What if a student is sick and cannot complete the assignments?

As with any school day, a parent can call the school to excuse the student. The student is still responsible for the work and will be granted additional time to complete it just as they would on a traditional school day.

What if a student has a technical difficulty that prevents them from completing an assignment ?

Parents should communicate with the teacher to determine the best course of action. Parents and students should also develop a plan to ensure that they have access to their device and it can be connected to the internet. In the event that an unforeseen circumstance prevents a student from accessing their work, the parent should contact the school office so that alternate arrangements can be made.

In the event that severe weather is associated with widespread loss of power or internet access, a Remote Learning Day will not occur; instead, the day will be a traditional “snow day” and will be made up at the end of the year.