EACS eLearning Student/Parent FAQs

What is eLearning? eLearning is learning conducted via electronic media, typically, but not necessarily, over the Internet.

When does eLearning start? If school is cancelled due to weather, then eLearning will take place on that cancelled day, and teachers will have eLearning content available on various web-based tools by 9:00 a.m. Additionally, each building will have eLearning days during the September 11 and February 5 district-wide teacher in-services.

How is President's Day going to be handled this year? President's Day, February 18, will be a vacation day for students and staff.

Will we receive paper/pencil homework? No. The idea is for the work to utilize technology... or at least be delivered through technology. Recommendations to teachers will include online access via Canvas, MobyMax, Pearson or McGraw Hill eTextbooks, and apps such as Showbie that allow students to download directly to the iPad while at school the days of weeks prior to eLearning. **Exception**: If your student has an IEP, ILP, or is an EL student, then they might receive paper-pencil eLearning content.

When will the eLearning work be due? Graded eLearning work is due five school days after students return to school. **Example**: If school is cancelled on Tuesday and students return on Wednesday, the eLearning work is due the following Tuesday (five school days later).

How much time will the eLearning work take? Time on task will vary depending on class, teacher, and subject area. Teachers should post/assign 30 minutes of eLearning material for each class taught. Therefore, the total amount of work a student receives should be approximately 3-4 hours of learning material. Students will have 5 school days, not including weekends or holidays, to complete any eLearning material assigned to them.

How will students "turn in" their eLearning material? Depending on how/where teachers post material, students should be able to turn in completed material via one of several digital tools, such as Canvas, MobyMax, SeeSaw, Quizizz, Edulastic, Google Classroom or Showbie. Please communicate with your child's teacher with specific questions.

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Will our school(s) have a lab open? Yes. Each EACS school will have a lab open before or after school each of the five days after students return to school. Each school will determine lab availability; please check with your child's school.

Will students be able to access lessons beforehand and download at school? Yes. The ability to download ahead of time is completely up to each teacher in where/how they post materials and assignments. Recommendations to teachers will include online access via Canvas, Pearson or McGraw Hill eTextbooks, and apps such as Showbie that allow students to download directly to the iPad while at school the days or weeks prior to eLearning.

What about students without iPads? Each EACS school will have a lab open for one hour before/after school each of the five days after students return to school. Any of the eight local library branches would also be open. A list of these library branches with free Wi-Fi is located on the EACS website at: http://www.eacs.k12.in.us/students/e_learning_day

Will teachers be available to "interact" with the students during the eLearning day? Yes. Teachers will be available using tools such as Discussions or Messages via Canvas or MobyMax. Additionally, students should ask questions to teachers at school during the week after eLearning.

What are the consequences for students who do not complete the work? Students who do not complete any work assigned to them for the eLearning day should face the same consequences as they would face for a normal class session. Additionally, if a student does not turn in graded eLearning work, he/she will be counted as an unexcused absence.

What kind of support/guidance will be offered to students for understanding their eLearning material and how to access it? Teachers will be required to show/demonstrate the location and accessibility of all eLearning materials multiple times prior to Thanksgiving Break. Teachers will be available from 9:00 to 3:00 during an eLearning day via online platforms such as Canvas, email, MobyMax, etc., to answer any questions.

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