



WAUSAU SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Snow Day Protocols

What are the benefits of a Virtual Learning Day?

The biggest benefit of Virtual Learning Days is the continuation of learning and student achievement. This type of instructional delivery provides students the ability to interact with instructional content to develop and deepen understanding. A Virtual Learning Day also provides students needed exposure to a critical aspect of being considered College and Career ready, the ability to independently complete activities while leveraging available technologies. Additionally, Virtual Learning Days allow for a predictable school calendar as the need for added minutes or days is greatly decreased as inclement weather days will be counted as instructional days.

When can a Virtual Learning Day take place?

A Virtual Learning Day can occur anytime during the school year and can be used to continue student achievement on days when it is not possible to be in the physical school building due to inclement weather, widespread illness, flooding, power outages or other factors which would result in the closing of a school building.

How does a Virtual Learning Day work?

These days would function very much like any school day with the exception of students not being in the physical school building. Staff would ensure students understand learning objectives, supporting activities and the requirements for completion.

What if a student does not have access to a device at home?

All Wausau School District students (K-12) are issued either an iPad or Chromebook as a tool to use when interacting with instruction. During a Virtual Learning Day, all students will be expected to bring their District issued device home for the purpose of completing work assigned during a Virtual Learning Day.

What if a student does not have access to the internet at home?

Teachers may need to download or make available offline any digital components required for the assigned work and be allowed to turn in assignments during the next "face to face" school day or in alignment with the assignment deadline. This may also take the form of a paper and pencil assignment.

What will a virtual school day look like?

Student Guidelines

- Follow your regular class schedule by logging into the Google Meet for each class. Attendance will be taken each period (secondary schools) and at the beginning of the school day (elementary schools).
- Use itsLearning, See Saw, and Google Meet to engage in learning activities.
- Communicate with teachers and peers, including asking questions and seeking support as needed.

Teacher Guidelines

- Instructional staff are responsible for continuing to deliver instruction aligned with curricular standards and student outcomes.
- Use itsLearning to plan and share lessons and resources.
- Use itsLearning, See Saw, and Google Meet for instruction, student support, and student/family communication.
- Record and upload direct instruction so that students can access it asynchronously if needed (still need for students who may not have immediate Internet access)
- Plan for independent or small group work, movement, lunch breaks, etc.

What if I do not have internet access at home?

The Wausau School District is exploring resources for those households with no or limited access to the internet. The Internet Discount Finder, created by the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin (PSC), can help low-income households find discounted internet service. Discounts are as deep as 80%. Moreover, it's easy to use: enter a full home address to see if there are any providers in the area and then learn about what different programming is offered and how to qualify.