

NEW YORK MILLS SCHOOL DISTRICT

E-LEARNING PLAN

For the 2023-24 School Year



e-Learning days may be implemented during the 2023-24 school year. The state of Minnesota allows for districts to use up to five e-Learning Days per school year. The New York Mills School Board approved the use of e-Learning days, in the event that we experience inclement weather days during the school year. To the right are the key highlights to be aware of when an e-Learning day goes into effect. Details of the NYM plan can be found below:

Communication - School Messenger, Facebook, District Website:

Just as in the past, school cancellations and e-Learning Days will be communicated through the district notification system. This will also be posted on the school district website, and the District Facebook page. Teachers, principals, and other licensed professionals will be available from 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and again from 12:00 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Pre K-4 Learning:

Staff will communicate learning expectations using SeeSaw in kindergarten through 4th grade. Assignments will be turned in paper form the next in-person instructional day or electronically, at the teacher's direction.

5-6 Learning:

Fifth and sixth grade students will have paper assignments with instructions that will be brought home in a work folder prior to the first e-learning day. The paper form of the assignments need to be turned in on the next in-person instructional day to count for attendance for the e-learning day. Fifth and sixth grade teachers will communicate with students and parents via email throughout the day to answer any questions and to provide support for student learning.

7-12 Learning:

Students will be assigned lessons from their classroom teachers in Google Classroom. The lessons will be available online no later than 9:00 a.m. Students will be responsible for turning these lessons in for their classes by 9 a.m. the following school day. This will count as their participation in the e-learning day for each class. **Students will need to check in with their third-hour teacher by 3:00 p.m. to be counted present for attendance purposes.** Teachers will be available online through email from 9:00 a.m.- 3:00 p.m.

e-Learning Highlights:

- In New York Mills, e-Learning Days can negate the need for makeup school days at end of the school year, helping families plan accordingly.
- An e-Learning Day is a day where a school offers full access to online instruction provided by students' individual teachers due to inclement weather. M.S. 120A.414
- e-Learning Days allow students to work from home, avoiding potentially dangerous commutes.
- e-Learning Days are intended to counter the loss of curriculum momentum resulting from school cancellations due to Minnesota's winter weather.
- Students are expected to participate in e-Learning activities for all scheduled classes on the day the plan is used. Students who do not participate in planned activities are considered absent for the classes unless prior arrangements have been established.

Appropriate Learning Opportunities for All:

Google Classroom and Seesaw allow teachers to provide differentiated learning opportunities for our students based on IEP/504 requirements, accommodations, or best practices. For further assistance please contact your respective case manager, counselor, or school social worker.

Technical Support:

Technical support will be available to students and parents. Students and parents should refer to the FAQ technology document on the district website and/or contact the technology department. Please email help@nymills.k12.mn.us. or call 218-385-2553 Ext. 217.

Homes without Internet/Wifi Connection:

Every effort will be made to send home materials in advance with students who do not have wifi capabilities at home. Students using Google Classroom may be asked to download materials before leaving school, if it appears that inclement weather is possible the next school day. When this is not possible, students without Internet access will receive their assignments upon returning to school.

Activities:

In the event that school is dismissed early, canceled, or an e-learning day due to severe weather, all extra-curricular activities including games, practices, and open gyms will be canceled.

Contact Info:

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When an e-Learning Day goes into effect, communication will be delivered via phone, email, and on social media sites.