

## Virtual Learning Days - Black Hawk Schools

### **What are the benefits of a Virtual Learning Day?**

The biggest benefit of Virtual Learning Days is the continuation of learning and student achievement during emergency weather days. 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 learning 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?**

**Elementary students** will follow a flexible schedule as directed by their teachers. This will include a combination of live check-in/Morning Meeting via Google Meet or Schoology, and independent/self-paced learning activities throughout the day. Staff will ensure students understand learning objectives, supporting activities, and the requirements for completion either through written instructions or communicated via Schoology/Class Dojo.

**MS/HS students** will be expected to follow their daily course schedule and check in with each period's teacher through the modality specified by the teacher. The course schedule is posted on the school's website under Students - 2022/2023 Course Schedule. Schoology or Google Meet will be used to communicate between students and teachers. Attendance will be taken for each period. Instructions and materials will be provided via Schoology.

### **What if a student does not have access to a device or Internet at home?**

As virtual learning days will more than likely be emergency weather days, we cannot always prepare every student for this event. We hope that the students can access their materials through a cellular phone or be prepared with written instructions from each teacher, with hard copy materials.

### **Elementary Teacher / Essentials Teachers Expectations**

**\* Teachers will plan to have Chromebooks or laptops available in their home settings.**

- Provide written instructions (some students may not have Internet accessibility) on what students are to be doing during their flexible learning day. Place in take home folder and also submit electronically

through Schoology or Dojo.

\* Place student chromebooks in protective cases and provide electronic cord for students to place in their backpacks. Large majority of flexible instruction will incorporate online SuperKids/Wonders ; Ready

Math , IXL, and other online formats. Workbooks may be available and sent home with students, but also may be accessed through online formats or uploaded copies (KAMI).

\* Majority of teachers still post weekly updates into Schoology. Schoology is the preferred platform for communicating schedules, materials, and resources. With 4K, 5K - teachers will provide daily

schedule in written format as well for caregivers to follow.

\* Teachers need to schedule 1, face to face class time with their students. For example: a morning meeting check in via Schoology Conferencing or Google Meet. Modality and link with specified time need

to be shared with families through Schoology/Dojo and/or paper instructions.

\*Teachers need to communicate how caregivers are to contact them if they have questions.

\*Essential teachers need to communicate with teachers and provide written instructional guidelines to be placed in the elementary student take home folders.

### **MS/HS Teacher Expectations**

\* **Teachers will plan to have Chromebooks or laptops available in their home settings.**

- Provide written instructions/resources for students who may not have Internet accessibility.

\* Update Schoology to provide the instructions/materials for each course. Communicate with students on the Schoology expectation.

\* Remind students of the course schedule. posted on our school website under Students - 2022/2023 Course Schedule.

\* Communicate with students on the modality from which you will be holding class. Google Meet or Schoology Conferencing. Google Meet link can be set up for the entire day and students can access

during their scheduled time. **Teachers will communicate with the principal the modality they have chosen to use. If Google Meet, a link is to be shared with the principal.**

\* Teachers will be on a live conference with students at the beginning of each class period. This is to be done via Schoology or Google Meet. Teachers will take attendance in Skyward.

Depending on the

day's lesson, live instruction will vary for each period. **This includes essentials teachers when scheduled to be with m.s./h.s. students.**

\* It is recommended that any instruction/modeling be recorded for students to reference during study time.