eLearning Day Frequently Asked Questions

What is an eLearning Day?
The MSD of Decatur Township was approved on February 1, 2019 by the Indiana Department of Education to hold eLearning days to make up school cancellations in lieu of adding days to the end of the school calendar. An eLearning day is a day where students work from home on assignments that teachers post to the Learning Management System (LMS) when school is canceled due to inclement weather.

Why do we have eLearning Days?
· Keep students and staff safe
· Allow students to complete assignments in continuous, current, real-time instruction
· Prevent the addition of days to the end of the school calendar

How will students and parents know when an eLearning day is taking place?
Notification of eLearning days will be provided through news outlets, social media, and other methods such as ParentSquare.

What is the maximum number of eLearning days that will be used in a row for inclement weather?
The number is flexible, but we strive to be in school as much as possible.

What will students be expected to do on eLearning days?
Activities will vary based on grade, content area and knowledge involved in the lesson. Activities may include reading, writing, discussion forums with classmates, collaborating with small groups or partners, viewing video instruction, or completing another classroom task.

How will attendance be taken?
Attendance will be based on assignment completion. When assignments have been submitted, students will be considered present.
How can my students turn in their assignments?

Students will submit assignments via Canvas or however instructed by their teacher.

How will students know how to complete assignments on an eLearning day?

Teachers will work with students in Canvas on a regular basis, so students will be familiar with assignment submission. In addition to working with teachers, a video tutorial is posted on the decaturproud.org website.

How long will my student have to complete their assignments?

Students in grades K-6 should spend no more than 90 minutes total on their eLearning day course work. The three subject areas that will be covered in grades 1-6 are Reading, Math, and Science. There is approximately 30 minutes of work per content area.

High School and Middle School students will be should spend 20-30 minutes of time on content/material for their subject area.

How can we contact my student's teacher?

Teachers will communicate to students and parents how they will be able to be contacted prior to the eLearning day.

How can we get technical assistance?

Call the technical support line at 317-856-2221 The eLearning TECHNICAL FAQ document is available on the decaturproud.org website for your reference. You may also contact your teacher for assistance with curriculum-based questions.

How do I get assistance with Canvas?

Call the Canvas support line at 317-856-2221

Who do I contact about eLearning day questions?
You should contact the building principal with concerns about eLearning days. Contact your student’s teacher for questions regarding assignments. For technology concerns, contact the technical support line at 317-856-2221.

Is this for all schools?  
Yes, all K-12 schools in MSD Decatur Township will participate in eLearning days.

What if I don’t have internet?  
The district can provide a wifi hotspot to you. Contact your school for more information.