

GREETINGS PARENTS AND GUARDIANS:

Overview of Remote Learning Snow Days

This year, the Connecticut State Department of Education (CSDE) has approved districts the option of remote learning days in lieu of traditional snow days. As shared at the December East Granby Board of Education meeting, our district decided to consider this option after having a few traditional snow days. Although this option is in place for remote learning days, there are a number of factors to consider and the preference may remain with traditional snow days for any given weather-related event. For example, one factor that plays into the decision of the Remote Learning Option is dependent on reported/anticipated power outages that might impact the teachers' ability to provide an appropriate remote educational experience. Whenever possible, our first option is having in-person learning, with either a late opening or early dismissal.

During a remote day, students will follow an abbreviated schedule (see below) and turn in assignments. The CSDE requires part of the hours be spent in synchronous work (live online) and some asynchronously (offline or independently online). Please see the specific details linked below, as it varies by the ages of the children. As required by the CSDE, attendance will be taken through a combination of online meetings and work completion.

Attendance taken across all grade levels.

If you have any questions about this information, please contact the building principal.

PreK Schedule is posted in Seesaw.

K to 5 Schedules - Remote Snow Day schedules are posted in your child's Google Classroom. A SAMPLE is pasted below. The actual schedules will be in each teacher's Google Classroom page. All grade levels will begin at 8:35 am. (NOTE: If the Remote Learning Snow Day happens on a Wednesday, we will follow our Remote Wednesday schedule, as usual.)

6 to 12 Schedule - The middle and high schools will follow the schedule below. (NOTE: If the Remote Learning Snow Day happens on a Wednesday, we will follow our Remote Wednesday schedule, as usual.)

FAQs

Why have remote learning days?

- Due to the pandemic, all districts have the technology to teach and learn remotely. Based on this, the [State Dept. of Education](#) is allowing districts to also continue remote instruction in lieu of traditional snow days for this school year.

What if there is a power outage in East Granby or surrounding towns?

- If there are widespread power/internet outages impacting teachers and students, we will not have a remote learning day. Instead, we will close school for the day and it will be made up at the end of the school year.

What if MY power goes out, but other areas of EG still have it?

- We will do our best to assess power outage issues prior to designating a day as a remote day. If an isolated area of East Granby does not have power, or loses power during the instructional day, but the majority of the town remains with power, the day can proceed as a remote learning day. If you are in the impacted area, please work with individual teachers to make up work, just as you would if you missed school due to illness or an appointment.

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When will we get notifications on whether the day is remote learning or if there isn't any school?

- If the forecast has a significant weather event with anticipated cancellations, we could plan for a remote day and reassess in the morning, since conditions can change overnight. If we can't make a determination, or if widespread outages are predicted, the superintendent may call for a regular snow day. We will do our best to plan for advance notification and make decisions as early as possible. The Superintendent has the final decision on the learning model for the day and may need to wait until the morning for a final decision once all other factors have been considered (ie: road conditions, clean-up time, bus transportation, power and internet outages)

On a remote learning snow day, will we have extracurriculars or sports ? No.

Schedule for 6-12 on Remote Learning Snow Day:

7:20	Planning
8:40	Advisory/Attendance
9:00 - 9:20	Period 1
9:30 - 9:50	Period 2
10:00 - 10:20	Period 3
10:20 - 10:40	Period 4
10:50 - 11:10	Period 5
11:20-11:40	Period 6
11:50 - 12:10	Period 7
Lunch	Lunch
12:45 -1:40	Office Hours
1:40 - 2:40	Meetings

SAMPLE Schedule for K-5 on Remote Learning Snow Day:

The green and yellow schedule below is a **SAMPLE ONLY** of what a K-5 schedule will look like. Please check your child's Google Classroom for the SPECIFIC schedule of that particular teacher.

SAMPLE SCHEDULE:

8:35-8:55	8:55-9:20		10:00- 10:25	10:25-11:00		12:35-1:05	1:05-3:00
Morning Meeting Social Emotional Learning	Reading Instruction 10-15 minute mini lesson		Writing Instruction 10-15 minute mini lesson	Specials: Rotated weekly		Math Instruction 10-15 minute mini lesson	Science/ Social Studies/ Independent Practice of Reading, Math, Writing
Synchronistic	Synchronistic		Synchronistic	Synchronistic		Synchronistic	Asynchronistic

PRESCHOOL - Please refer to your child's Seesaw account for the remote learning snow day schedule.