



South Adams Virtual Inclement Weather Days FAQ 2016-2017 School Year

South Adams Schools will use eLearning Days during inclement weather if we exceed our two scheduled make-up days (Martin Luther King Jr Day, Jan 16 and Presidents' Day, Feb 20).

General Questions:

What is a Virtual Inclement Weather Day?

Students will not report to school due to inclement weather, but will engage in learning activities using digital resources.

Why is South Adams using eLearning to make up for cancelled inclement weather days?

The primary objective is to maintain the momentum of learning. The primary objective is not to make-up missed days of school. Virtual eLearning Days allow students to minimize the interruptions caused by snow days and continue to make educational progress.

How and when will students and parents know if an eLearning Day will take place?

Inclement weather cancellations and announcement of an eLearning Day will be relayed through the school's notification phone & email system, Remind text alerts, district website, social media (Facebook and Twitter), and local TV/radio stations.

How will students be informed about assignments during an eLearning Day?

Parents and students should become familiar with their Canvas login prior to winter months. Please visit the Parent link on the SA website (www.southadams.k12.in.us) to access instructions on how to create a Canvas account, and to log-in. All teachers will post contact information and homework assignments on Canvas by 9:00 a.m. on a Virtual eLearning Day, and will be available for online communication 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

What happens if a Virtual eLearning Day is announced after a two-hour delay?

Teachers will post assignments on Canvas by 10:00 a.m. and will be available to communicate with students throughout the hours of 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

How will students obtain assistance from teachers on eLearning Days?

Teachers will be available through email, and will post other means of communication on their Canvas page i.e. Canvas chat, Remind texts. If you need immediate assistance or have general questions and/or concerns, you may call the school hotline (**260/589-1108**). If needed, your message will be relayed to the teacher.

How much time is the student expected to work online during the eLearning Day?

No minimum or maximum amount of time is expected. Students should complete their work carefully, using the amount of time that is appropriate for them.

When will class assignments be due?

Three school days after we return to school.

How will eLearning be monitored and counted for attendance?

Accountability for students will rely on assessment of work. Teachers will assess the student's work and determine if the student has met the instructional goals for the day. The actual amount of time online is less important than the work produced and/or created by the student to demonstrate learning and mastery of learning targets.

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

Teachers are aware that not all students have Internet access at home and will provide accommodations when necessary for students without home internet access. Coursework assigned on an eLearning day will not be due until three school days after we return to school. Students without Internet connection have the opportunity to complete work over the following days allowing for students to make arrangements to use the public libraries or after-school open computer labs.

Do students with identified special learning needs have an alternative means to access their education on virtual learning days?

Yes, individual supports, services, and accommodations for students with an Individual Education Program (IEP), Individual Learning Plan (ILP), or a Section 504 Plan are reviewed, discussed, and agreed upon at the student's case conference committee meeting, a Section 504 meeting, or general education plan meeting.

INFORMATION

Local free wifi locations:

Berne and Geneva Public Libraries
Alpine Rose Coffee Shop
East of Chicago Pizza
McDonalds
Pizza Hut
Subway

General Questions can be directed to:

Tech Hotline Number: 260/589-1108
Scott Litwiller, Superintendent, slitwiller@southadams.k12.in.us 260/589-3133, ext. 507

Myra Moore, Technology Director, mmoore@southadams.k12.in.us 260/589-3131, ext. 417
Trent Lehman, High School Principal, tlehman@southadams.k12.in.us 260-589-3131, ext. 402
Jeff Rich, Middle School Principal, jrich@southadams.k12.in.us 260/589-1102, ext. 202
Shellie Miller, Elementary Principal, smiller@southadams.k12.in.us 260/589-1101, ext. 201

Questions about assignments?

Please contact your child's teacher.

Teacher Office Hours: 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. on Virtual eLearning Day

Open computer labs on campus will be available the following three school days after a Virtual eLearning Day from 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. (No transportation will be provided)

Please note the above statements are subject to change. South Adams will continue to evaluate each inclement weather day and strive for excellence in an eLearning Day. We will make necessary adjustments to accomplish this goal.