

Distance Learning Guidelines: 2018-2019

1. Distance learning assignments will begin on the **second** snow day. Snow day #1 will be a day off school with no additional assignments posted. Distance learning has no effect on delayed start days. Delayed starts are counted as regular school days. Distance learning days will also count as regular school days.
2. There can be a maximum of **5** distance learning days counted during this school year. Any days past that will be made up as in prior years either with days already factored in the calendar or added on to the end of the year.
3. Several consecutive distance learning days can be difficult for all parties. In the event that there are several days in a row where weather prohibits school attendance, distance learning may be suspended at the principal's discretion.
4. There must still be a method of attendance for the distance learning days. Parents must email the homeroom teacher for each child to acknowledge that they and the student have seen the assignments and worked on them diligently as if they were in a school environment. If your student is sick, please tell us and uphold the honesty of the system. If email is not received by the homeroom teacher, your child(ren) will be marked absent. Attendance may be taken via GoogleDocs as that system becomes available.
5. Teachers will post assignments on Rediker in the homework area by 10:00 am of the distance learning day. There will be a master list on the school website as well. Teachers will also be available from 10:00-2:00 via email to answer any questions or give additional guidance. Teachers will also check email in the evening to field more questions. All teacher emails are found on the school website, in Rediker, and in the back of the school directory.
6. While assignments may be discussed upon returning to school, they will be due to turn in three days after the distance learning day on which they were assigned. For example, if Tuesday is a distance learning day, all assignments will be due to the appropriate teacher on Friday. After that, they will be considered late and have grades lowered just as any other assignment. We are maintaining the rigor of the classroom and expect work to be done by students for a grade just as if they had been at school.
7. Students will have assignments for all classes they would have attended had they been in school. This includes special areas and Spanish.
8. Teachers are aware of several mitigating factors such as multiple children in a household trying to get online, grandparents or older siblings being in charge, potential power outages, printer problems, etc. We work on assignments with all this in mind and try to provide a variety of authentic, practical pieces. If you have a unique issue, please make sure to tell the teacher(s) it affects so we can work with you to solve the problem.