

Rensselaer Central Schools Corporation
Frequently Asked Questions
2015 eLearning Days

The Rensselaer Central Schools Corporation's application for eLearning days has been approved by the Indiana Department of Education. These days will be used in the case of cancellation of school due to inclement weather. Up to three days have been approved. Students will not have to make up these days.

Why have eLearning?

eLearning takes place ON the actual day of a school cancellation. Instruction is not interrupted, learning continues and the days do not have to be added on at the end of the school year. eLearning days occur before state testing in the spring whereas days added at the end of the year do not.

eLearning is everywhere. We see it in most workplaces, in more and more K-12 school settings and in all universities. RCSC students need opportunities to experience and become comfortable with this type of learning.

What will it look like for students?

Students will use iPads in grade 3-12 to complete content that would have been addressed if school were in session. In grades K-2, students will be distributed a packet of material that can be completed at home. Students who need extra help or have questions can contact the teacher through email or by calling the RCSC offices. RCSC Staff will route the phone call to the teacher and a response will be returned.

Attendance

eLearning instruction will begin at 9:00 a.m. Students with Internet access will sign in to a Google form to confirm attendance The form is located at www.rensselaerschools.org. Students without Internet access must call the school office to verify attendance.

Amount of work time required of students?

Students will be required to complete lessons assigned to them by their teachers. A lesson could follow a format like this:

- 2-3 minutes to understand the lesson objectives
- 10-15 minutes to deliver new content
- 10-20 minutes to check for understanding

Students should have 4-5 hours of work during the day.

When is work due?

All eLearning assignments and assigned packets are to be completed within 2 regular school days.

Teacher availability

Teachers will be online and available via email from 9:00 a.m to 3:00 p.m. Teachers may use resources to conduct online discussions with students using a variety of educational services tailored to the particular objectives being taught for the lesson.

What if students do not have internet access?

Students without internet access will be able to download the content needed on their iPad prior to school being cancelled using the RCSC internet connection.

For extreme instances where a digital device is not permitted to leave the building, the students will notify the teacher ahead of time so alternate assignments can be distributed in an alternate format.

What resources will be available if students have problems?

All school offices and the central office will be staffed and will provide phone and technical assistance for students in grades K-12.

- Rensselaer Central Schools Corporation Offices- 219-866-7822
- Rensselaer Central Primary School- 219-866-5441
- Van Rensselaer Intermediate School- 219-866-8212
- Rensselaer Central Middle School- 219-866-4661
- Rensselaer Central High School- 219-866-5175