

Park Rapids Area Schools

Distance and E-Learning Days Plan

What are Distance Learning Days?

The term “Distance Learning Day” refers to a school day when instead of coming to a school building teachers and students communicate and engage in learning activities online through Synergy, Email, Phone calls, or other learning platforms. Teachers share assignments and hold virtual office hours while students’ complete assignments and activities while receiving guidance from teachers.

Park Rapids Area Schools distance learning days are a great transition step to the digital world that is used every day and gives students the skills to work and learn online. During these days, our teachers are still actively engaged with students, directing and overseeing their work.

Distance learning days may be planned in advance. E-learning days which are held in the event of unplanned school closures due to emergency situations such as severe weather, power outages or other situations in which students will be unable to attend school.

Planned and Unplanned Distance and E-learning Days

There will be two planned distance learning days scheduled for the 2019-20 school year. The dates for these days are:

- Thursday, October 17, 2019
- Wednesday, January 22, 2020 for the High School Students Only

How a planned Distance learning day works:

- Assignments and activities will be posted in advance of the distance learning day, no later than the evening before the scheduled day.
- Teachers will hold office hours from 8am-3pm district-wide on the distance learning day.
- The due dates for distance learning day assignments will also be flexible to accommodate varying schedules. Please contact your child’s teacher if you have specific questions about due dates.

How an unplanned E-Learning Day works:

- Parents/Guardians will receive an automated phone call, text or email via the School Messenger service and announcements will be made on local television and radio stations, the Park Rapids Enterprise website and the school district web page, www.parkrapids.k12.mn.us describing the school closure event.
- Students will not report to school but will engage in E-learning activities as assigned.
- Teachers will post work by 8:30 AM for students.
- Teachers will be online during the school day to answer questions and provide guidance.
- The due dates for E-learning day assignments will also be flexible.

In both instances, students with special needs or circumstances may face unique challenges while performing the academic tasks. Provisions and accommodations will be made for their individual needs. Please contact your child’s teacher(s) for more specific information.