

Bi-County Thome E-learning plan

The Illinois State Board of Education has recognized that schools may utilize e-learning days in lieu of emergency days.

An e-learning / alternative learning day may be used in the event of an emergency (extremely cold weather, high snow accumulations, etc.). E-learning for an emergency is not automatic. Thome School will notify parents and guardians whether e-learning will occur.

E-learning

According to Section 10-19.05, for each student participating in an e-learning day, the school must ensure and verify at least 5 clock hours of instruction or school work is provided.

Alternative learning activities can be completed using various methods. Teachers may choose to provide online instruction using various forms of technology, such as computer, smartphone or other mobile devices. Teachers will be available to answer questions or provide support with work via email or video conferencing.

Teachers will provide paper copies of assignments prior to the learning day (if possible) or assignments will be available for pick up at the school building and / or will be emailed to students to be printed.

Individual learning needs of students outlined on individual students' IEPs will be considered in the planning of assignments. Guidelines provided by ISBE for alternative learning days indicate that expected lessons should not overwhelm students.

If students are struggling with academic work that is provided, they will not be penalized. If these difficulties are communicated to staff, students may receive support completing the work when they return to in-person learning.

Attendance - Parents can contact Thome via phone call to the building or email to the administrator and / or teacher if a student is not able to participate due to illness.

Student Expectations

Students are expected to complete work assignments provided by the teacher.

Students are to communicate to the teacher if there are questions regarding an assignment or difficulties completing it. This may be done via email on the e-learning day or in-person once students return to in person learning.

Students can complete assignments in any order and at whatever pace is appropriate for the child. Students can work on and submit lessons until the scheduled due date.

Staff Expectations

Certified Staff

Staff must be available by email from 8:30 to 1:30.

Certified staff will check in and out with the building administrator at the beginning and end of the day via email or text notification.

Staff will ensure that appropriate learning assignments are provided to students.

Google classroom and other curricular platforms are available to students online at home or other locations with internet access (i.e. public library).

Hard copies or packets of work relevant to the curricular expectations will be available to families.

All staff responsible for assigning work will be provided with laptops and access to appropriate hardware and software. Staff will contact the administrator if there are any issues with technology.

Certified support staff and teachers will be available for any meetings, such as IEP or problem solving meetings via email or video conference between 8:30 to 1:30.

Certified support staff will be available to students to communicate about any social emotional concerns via email or video conference between 8:30 and 1:30.

Non-Certified Staff

Staff must be available by email and / or text from 8:30 to 1:30.

Staff may provide support to their supervising teacher via Google Meet, Google Classroom or email.

Staff may be assigned additional duties by administration, relevant to student learning and providing student support, this may include (watching videos related to students needs or sitting in on video lessons with teacher).

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