

eLearning @ Hale

2021 – 2022

Hale Families,

eLearning at Hale, and in Minneapolis Public Schools, is a prearranged plan for days where school is cancelled due to inclement weather (think heavy snowfalls and unusually cold temperatures). eLearning will look different across the District and we at Hale have decided that keeping it simple and consistent across grade levels will make it most practical for families.

Because we do not send devices (iPads) home with children on a daily basis, we need to have two different plans. eLearning Plan A will cover school cancellations that are a surprise and students do NOT have their school devices at home. eLearning Plan B will cover situations that were foreseen and we, Hale School, had time to send devices home with students. Both plans are covered in detail below.

Finally, we know every family faces different challenges as they navigate unexpected school closures. Our goal is to make sure our students and families have access to academic materials in these situations, with the understanding that circumstances may require flexibility. We encourage families to make decisions that work for their family given said circumstances.

Plan A – Students do NOT have school devices at home

- Students will work on work/activity packets provided in their eLearning folder, provided by their classroom teacher. Folders will be sent home with students on Wednesday, December 15th. Please put them away in a safe space for eLearning days.
- Students work at their own pace and there are no live meetings with Hale teachers/staff
- Classroom teachers, Special Education teachers, and Specialists will be available by email and/or the specific methods of communication they use daily with you.
- Their availability will be between 9:00am – 11:15am and again from 12:45 – 3:00pm.

Plan B – Students have brought school devices home from school

- Students will log on to a virtual morning meeting, with their entire class, from 9:15am – 9:45am. Directions for log in will be included in your child's eLearning folder. This will be the only live instruction for the day.
- Students will work on work/activity packets, provided in their eLearning folder, for the remainder of the day.
- Classroom teachers, Special Education teachers, and Specialists will be available on a live link and by email and/or the specific methods of communication they use daily with you. With the exception of the morning meeting, teachers will not be responsible for instruction, but will be available for support.
- Their availability will be between 9:00am – 11:15am and again from 12:45 – 3:00pm.

*Note: If you would rather your child not bring home a device, please inform their classroom teacher. Also, if you do not have internet service at home, let your child's classroom teacher know so they can request a hotspot from the district.

As stated earlier, unexpected school closures create numerous difficulties for families. While we encourage you to decide how your family uses the day, we will do what we can to support students as they work at home.