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e-Learning Instructional Days Policy

PURPOSE

Per MN Statute 120A.414, public schools may adopt an e-Learning plan with the purpose of providing meaningful learning in an alternate environment for all students on days when school is canceled. E-Learning Days eliminate the need to lengthen instructional hours per school day as well as the need to make up days during or at the end of the school year.

STATE MANDATES FOR E-LEARNING PLANS

All Minnesota e-Learning Plans must include:

- Accommodations must be made for students without sufficient access to the Internet, hardware, or software in their homes.
- Accessible digital instruction for students with disabilities under chapter 125A and meet the needs of each student's Individual Education Plan (IEP) or 504 Plan.
- Notification to parents and students of the plan must occur at the beginning of the school year and, upon implementation of an e-Learning day there must be at least two (2) hours' notice prior to the normal school start time that students are to follow the e-Learning day plan.
- Access to teachers via telephone and online during normal school hours.

Other Mandates for e-Learning Plans:

- E-Learning plans must be developed in a joint effort between all SRMCS lead teachers and the School Director.
- The plan must be approved by the SRMCS Board of Directors at least annually.
- E-Learning plans may only be used up to five (5) days in one school year unless this perimeter is altered by the governor of Minnesota and/or MN Dept. of Education.
- Student attendance must be taken, verified by each classroom teacher, and reported to the school's main office as soon as possible. Students who do not participate in planned e-Learning activities are considered absent and must be reported the same way absences are reported had school been held at SRMCS. These absences are considered excused.
- E-Learning days must be reported as regular instructional days on the MARSS A School File. The length of the school day is to be reported as the same length that was originally scheduled had students attended at the school site.
- All students will be provided the materials necessary to fulfill e-Learning day expectations.

- Should a student and/or the student's parents/guardians not speak or read English, the school and/or classroom teacher must provide the assignment(s) via translated documents and/or by using a language interpreter.
- If the governor of Minnesota cancels school statewide, the e-Learning plan will not be implemented. The school's staff members do not report to work.
- Students with an Individual Education Plan (IEP) will follow lessons provided by their classroom teacher and/or lessons modified by their caseworker online or otherwise.