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Distance Learning (Short Term Closure) Guidelines for Parents

Chattooga County Schools will offer distance learning days when students are not present in school due to weather days or other situations. We will use distance learning days as a replacement for makeup days that would be added to the end of the school calendar. We understand and realize that during a weather emergency that there could be sporadic power outages, internet unavailability, etc. Upon return to school, students will be given three days to complete any work assigned that has not been completed. **All** students are expected to continue learning and progressing toward mastery of standards. **All** teachers will provide content-specific instruction and/or assignments.

What should parents expect from a distance learning day?

- Teachers will post all assignments by 9:00 a.m. in Google Classroom.
- Assignments will be limited to no more than **20 minutes per subject for 1st-5th and 30 minutes for 6-12**. This includes any assigned reading, multimedia, and/or videos.
- Students should begin working on their lessons on the day missed when possible. Student work is due three school days upon returning to school.
- Student attendance is not connected to the completion of work but will be taken by student check into Google Classroom or Clever.
- Kindergarten students' parents will be contacted by the teacher to give instructions about work to be completed.
- Students who are unable to complete digital assignments because of no internet access will have pre-loaded assignments onto their school issued thumb drive.

Teacher Communication

During school closings, teachers will communicate with parents and students how students can find assignments in Google Classroom and the mode of communication to use to contact teachers. See your school's Distance Learning Plan for more specific information. (These were shared at the beginning of the school year.)

Completing Assignments, Grading & Attendance

- For unexpected, short term closures such as weather days which are no more than 1-4 days, any incomplete work will be treated as an excused absence and students will have the opportunity to complete it within 3 days of returning to school.
- Credit will be given according to the teacher's grading policy, which is shared at the beginning of the school year. In the event of a long-term shutdown(5+ days), students will be expected to complete work as assigned by the teacher promptly. (See guidelines for Extended Distance Learning)
- If for any reason the student is not able to complete the assignment in a timely manner, the student should communicate with the teacher about a plan to complete the work.