

Senior Distance Learning



Definition:

Distance learning is an instructional delivery system that connects learners with resources and places control of the learning pace with the student rather than the distance instructor. This definition applies equally to high tech and low tech approaches to distance learning.



Process:

Using both online and the itsLearning platform, students will access their teachers' online classrooms to participate in their school day. Students who do not have access to technology and/or Wi-Fi will receive hard copies of all assignments before distance learning days commence.



Reasoning:

21st century students need to be prepared to use technology strategically and effectively both in person and remotely to enhance their digital literacy skills required for both college and careers. Seniors will pilot the distance learning day model during ELA and Math 2019 MCAS.

Who:

- The Superintendent will call distance learning days for all seniors on March 26, 27, May 21, and 22. Information will be posted on our website and the principal will send out an "all call" and email to all senior families.
- Students will log into the online and itsLearning platform of the teachers who they would normally have on those school days and participate in activities and complete assignments. This may include but is not limited to: online discussion boards, video reviews, traditional essay writing, article readings, online textbooks, practice and review problems, and online assessments.
- Teachers will take attendance in Power School by reviewing participation and submissions in each online class that has been completed.
- Students who do not complete their online classwork will be marked absent for that class that day, receive a "0" for work in subjects work was not completed, and it will be counted towards their overall attendance.

What's the difference between a snow day and a distance learning day?

- On snow days, there is no school and no schoolwork; but on distance learning days, students ARE required to access their online classrooms from home and complete requirements for each class or vocational program.
- When we have a snow day, it needs to be made up at the end of the school year; but distance learning days do not need to be made up because they are active school days.

What if my student does not complete his/her work due to lingering power outages or other serious issues?

- Because a distance learning day IS a school day that counts for attendance, the work will be considered as it would on any other school day; however, if a student has a documented hardship, the teacher will allow an extension of no more than 72 hours upon his/her return to school.
- If a student has Wi-Fi but does not have computer access, a Chromebook can be signed out to individual students. If there is no Wi-Fi at the home of the student, hard copies of assignments will be given prior to the distance learning days.