Preparing for Winter Weather

DISTRICT 97 EMERGENCY CLOSING PROCEDURES AND E-LEARNING DAYS

Emergency Closings Due to Inclement Weather

District 97 always strives to have schools open.

However, our top priority is the safety of our students and staff. If heavy snow or extreme cold make it dangerous to travel, we may need to close schools.

Making the Decision to Close Schools

The superintendent determines when and if conditions warrant the closing of schools. This decision is normally made in consultation with superintendents from districts 90 and 200, village officials, and our transportation provider.

Because of the many families enrolled in both District 97 and District 200, we strive for alignment when circumstances allow.

Variables Affecting the Decision

- Weather forecasts (advisories, watches, warnings, amount/timing of precipitation, temperature)
- Internal and external building conditions (power, light, heat, clear sidewalks)
- Availability of bus transportation and food service
- Conditions of streets, sidewalks and alleyways throughout the community

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Two Scenarios for School Closings

E-LEARNING DAY VS. EMERGENCY DAY

If there is sufficient time to inform staff, families and students

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E-LEARNING

CONTINUITY OF LEARNING, NO IMPACT TO SCHOOL CALENDAR

If the weather were to develop suddenly, or if there wasn't enough time to notify everyone to have devices with them

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EMERGENCY DAY
CLOSED

NO INSTRUCTION, DAY IS MADE UP AT THE END OF THE YEAR

How will District 97 communicate school closures and E-Learning Days?

District 97 seeks to make and communicate decisions by 8 p.m. the night before, or no later than 5:30 a.m. the next day.

Notifications are sent via:

- Email to all staff and families
- Robocall and text message
- Facebook and Twitter (@OakPark97)
- District 97 website
- Emergency Closing Center

What is an E-Learning Day?

Señorita Zaragoza
@IrvingEspanol

E-learning day! Students shared what they wear to stay warm during a snow day! #WeAreD97

3:46 PM · Feb 3, 2022 · Twitter Web App

E-Learning Days provide an opportunity for students to learn from home on days when the school/district otherwise would have been canceled.

Students will have approximately **five hours** of learning/assignments—both synchronous (live with teacher) and asynchronous (self-paced).

More details: www.op97.org/elearning

E-Learning Day: Elementary Schools

Teachers take attendance at **8 a.m.** via Zoom or Google Meet.

Assignments and instructions are shared via teacher web pages, learning management systems (Seesaw or Google Classroom), and/or email.

SAMPLE SCHEDULE

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:00-8:15	Morning Meeting/Shared Reading	Morning Meeting/Shared Reading	Morning Meeting/Shared Reading	2nd Step	Morning Meeting/Shared Reading
8:15-8:30					
8:30 - 8:45		Word Study	Word Study	Word Study	Word Study
8:45-9:00	SPANISH				
9:00-9:15		English Language Arts (RUoS)	English Language Arts (RUoS)	English Language Arts (RUoS)	
9:15-9:30	MUSIC				LIBRARY (8:45-9:30)
9:30-9:45	English Language Arts (RUoS)				English Language Arts (RUoS)
9:45-10:00		MUSIC			
10:00-10:15					
10:15-10:30		SPANISH	ART	Physical Education	
10:30-10:45	Writing (WUoS)	Writing (WUoS)	Writing (WUoS)	Writing (WUoS)	Writing (WUoS)
10:45-11:00					
11:00 - 11:15	English Language Arts: Enrichment and Intervention	English Language Arts: Enrichment and Intervention	English Language Arts: Enrichment and Intervention	English Language Arts: Enrichment and Intervention	English Language Arts: Enrichment and Intervention
11:15-11:30					
11:30-11:45					
11:45-12:00					
12:00 - 12:15					
12:15-12:30			LUNCH		
12:30-12:45	Mathematics: Enrichment and Intervention	Mathematics: Enrichment and Intervention	Mathematics: Enrichment and Intervention	Mathematics: Enrichment and Intervention	Mathematics: Enrichment and Intervention
12:45-1:00					
1:00-1:15					
1:15-1:30					
1:30-1:45					
1:45-2:00	MATH	MATH	MATH	MATH	MATH
2:00 - 2:15	Physical Education Activity	Physical Education Activity	Physical Education Activity	Physical Education Activity	Physical Education Activity
2:15-2:30			Dismissal		
2:30-2:45	Science/Social Studies	Science/Social Studies		Science/Social Studies	Science/Social Studies
2:45-3:00					

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E-Learning Day: Middle Schools

Teachers take attendance at **9 a.m.** via Zoom or Google Meet.

Assignments and instructions are shared via Canvas.

GBMS Bell Schedules

6th Grade Schedule A Day

Time	Period	Mins	Lunch/SOAR
9:00 to 10:15	1	75	
10:18 to 10:55	2	40	SOAR
10:58 to 12:13	3/4	75	
12:16 to 12:53	5	37	Lunch
12:56 to 2:12	6	76	
2:15 to 3:30	7	75	

6th Grade Schedule B Day

Time	Period	Mins	Lunch/SOAR
9:00 to 10:15	8	75	
10:18 to 10:55	9	40	SOAR
10:58 to 12:13	10/11	75	
12:16 to 12:53	12	37	Lunch
12:56 to 2:12	13	76	
2:15 to 3:30	14	75	

7th/8th Grade Schedule A Day

Time	Period	Mins	Lunch/SOAR
9:00 to 10:15	1	76	
10:18 to 11:34	2/3	75	
11:37 to 12:53	4/5	75	8th Lunch/SOAR
12:56 to 2:12	6	76	7th Lunch/SOAR
2:15 to 3:30	7	76	

7th/8th Grade Schedule B Day

Time	Period	Mins	Lunch/SOAR
9:00 to 10:15	8	76	
10:18 to 11:34	9/10	75	
11:37 to 12:53	11/12	75	8th Lunch/SOAR
12:56 to 2:12	13	76	7th Lunch/SOAR
2:15 to 3:30	14	76	

All Grade Levels C Day Schedule

	6th Grade	7th Grade	8th Grade
9:00 to 9:39	1	1	1
9:42 to 10:18	7	7	7
10:21 to 10:57	6	6 (SOAR)	6
11:00 to 11:36	2/5 (Lunch)	2/3	2/3
11:39 to 12:15	3/4	4/5	4/5 (Lunch)
12:18 to 12:54	13	13 (Lunch)	13
12:57 to 1:33	8	8	8
1:36 to 2:12	14	14	14
2:15 to 2:51	9/12 (SOAR)	9/10	9/10
2:54 to 3:30	10/11	11/12	11/12 (SOAR)

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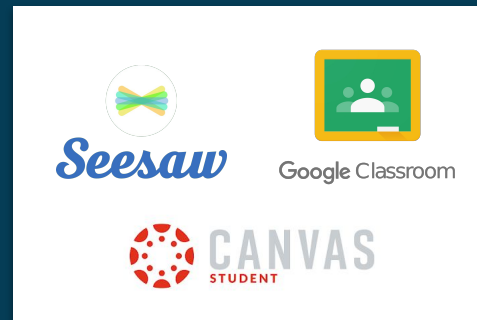# How has District 97 prepared for E-Learning?
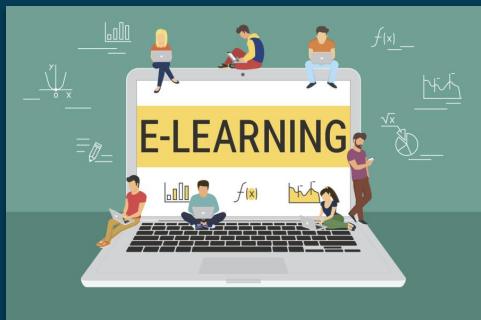
STATE-APPROVED PLAN

Staff participate in annual review of the plan, which was approved by the state and D97 Board of Education in 2021.

DEVICES AND FAMILY ACCESS

All D97 students and staff have been issued a device. At-home learning is supported through the Internet for All program.

IMPROVED COMMUNICATION

Learning Management Systems are used by all grades: Seesaw for K-2, Google Classroom for 3-5 and Canvas for 6-8.

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Tips for District 97 Families

DRESSING FOR COLD WEATHER

adding layers will help keep you warm as the temperature drops

CHILLY

1-2 layers

outer layer
to keep out wind, rain

long layer

warm shoes
water proof

weather.gov/safety

COLD

2-3 layers

warm hat

outer layer
to keep out wind, wet snow

gloves

boots
water proof

1-2 layers

EXTREME COLD

3+ layers
1 insulating

warm hat

face mask

outer layer
to keep out wind

gloves

boots
water proof

2+ layers

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Tips for District 97 Staff and Families

Review the E-Learning Plan.
Details can be found at **www.op97.org/elearning**.

Follow us on social media.
District news and updates are shared frequently Facebook and Twitter **(@OakPark97)**.

Sign up for text messages.
Individuals must opt in to SMS messages from District 97 by texting **YES to 79041 or 87569**.