

# Alternative Learning Day

## Chester-East Lincoln Elementary

Alternative Learning Days (ALD) are intended to provide meaningful learning experiences for CEL students when school is unexpectedly canceled. Parents and students are encouraged to integrate the following strategies into their ALD time:

- Establish a quiet learning space and remove distractions to learning.
- Create a routine for doing school work. Start early in the day.
- Review the online work (7th-8th) or ALD Packet (PreK-6th) that needs to be completed.
- Parents should review the work with their child.

### Policies for an Alternative Learning Day

The policies for ALD are designed to minimize the disruption to learning when school is unexpectedly canceled.

- The district will notify families of an ALD in the same manner that traditional school cancellation days have been announced in the past - radio, TV, website, and Skylert phone call, etc.
- Since learning is occurring for students during the ALD, these days will count as a student attendance day and will not be made up at the end of the school year.
- Teachers will be available via email or Google Classroom between the hours of 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. on the ALD.
- Assignments will be due two days after the ALD takes place. For example: if there is an ALD on Tuesday, the assignments will be due Thursday. This allows students time to ask for clarification and answer any questions they may have.
- Students will not be allowed class time to finish work that was assigned on an ALD (except during study hall).

### CEL Students PreK-6th Grades

- Teachers of Pre-Kindergarten - 6th Grades will put an Alternative Learning Day Packet in the students' Take-Home Folder. Some 5th and 6th-grade work may also be available on Google Classroom.
- The packet should remain in the Take-Home Folder so that the work is always available to the student and family.
- The Alternative Learning Day Packet may be updated by the teacher every few weeks to add current learning activities.
- The work will represent practices or extension of material/skills already taught.
- Students have two days to complete the Alternative Learning Day Packet.
- Teachers may send an email to families with additional details or instructions.

## **CEL Students 7th - 8th Grades**

- *Teachers will post assignments for courses in Google Classroom prior to the ALD or by 8:00 a.m. the morning of the ALD. If there are specific instructions or additional information, teachers will email the students directly via the student's school email. Assignments may be a continuation of something that has already been started in class, (reading, continued work on an essay, project) an extension activity or practice with an essential skill or concept. The assignments will not include new material or content.*
- *Teachers will work with students that do not have internet access at home to ensure the documents needed on the ALD have been downloaded to the student's device or printed prior to the ALD.*
- *If there are unforeseen circumstances that impact a student's ability to complete the work (power or internet issues), the student needs to contact the teacher via email as soon as the student is able to do so. Extended time may be given during these circumstances as well.*
- *Students and parents should expect that assignments will take an average of 30 minutes per subject to complete.*
- *Unless otherwise specified by the teacher, the assignments posted/assigned on an ALD are due two days following the ALD, allowing time for questions to be answered in person by the teacher.*

***Please remember: Not all school cancelation days will be Alternative Learning Days. The type of day will be announced along with the notification of school cancelation.***