

CHESTER-EAST LINCOLN
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Parents & Guardians,

Chester-East Lincoln will be piloting Alternative Learning Days. When schools must be canceled due to severe weather and/or other unplanned events, an Alternative Learning Day may be implemented. Alternative Learning Days will be counted as a day of attendance; therefore, students and staff would not be required to make these days up at the end of the year or during Spring Break.

In the event that school is canceled, administration will determine if the day is an Alternative Learning Day or a traditional no school day. The notification of an Alternative Learning Day will be announced via a Skylert phone call just like your current notification when school is canceled due to a traditional snow day. In the message, you will be notified whether the day is a traditional snow day or an Alternative Learning Day.

GRADES PreK - 6th

Teachers of students in grade Pre-Kindergarten through 6th grade will be creating and sending home an Alternative Learning Day packet that will be kept in the student's Take-Home Folder. The work included in these packets should only be completed in the event of an Alternative Learning Day. Unless otherwise specified, the work will be due two days after the Alternative Learning Day. Some 5th and 6th-grade tasks may also be found on Google Classroom.

GRADE 7th - 8th

In the case of an Alternative Learning Day day, teachers will post work to be done online through Google Classroom (or other sites the students are familiar with). Some teachers may choose to create an Alternative Learning Day task folder that is accessible at all times, while others may choose to post assignments or tasks when an Alternative Learning Day occurs. Teachers will work with those students that do not have internet access at home to ensure they can complete work in a similar manner. In addition, if students run into difficulty accessing the work due to internet or power issues on an Alternative Learning Day, he/she is responsible for having a conversation with their teacher(s) upon returning to school.

Teachers will be speaking to students about what an Alternative Learning Day is and what is expected of the students if we have one. In addition, teachers will show understanding and flexibility through the new process.

Additional information is included in the attached packet. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Mrs. Irwin or Mrs. Aper with questions.