Heard County School System
School Closure Digital Learning Day Plan

How will a Digital Learning Day work? On Digital Learning Days, teachers will post lessons, instructional videos, assignments and enrichment activities by 9:00 AM on the digital learning day in the teacher's digital classroom for Grades 2-12 and grades K-1 will receive non-digital activity packets.

How do parents get help or ask questions on Digital Learning Days? Teachers are available via email and prepared to provide support to parents. All teachers will be available by email or other means of established communication during designated eLearning office hours to provide assistance to students, give feedback on assignments, collaborate, and answer questions. Email addresses can be found in the packet of work for PreK-1, or on the teacher's website.

Elementary: 9:00-11:00 & 1:00-2:00

Middle: 10:00-12:00 & 2:00-4:00

High: 10:00-12:00 & 2:00-4:00

How will the teacher provide instruction on a Digital Learning Day? Teachers will develop academic experiences which are grade level appropriate, meet state curriculum standards and a continuation of classroom instruction.

Pre-K, kindergarten and first grade students will have digital learning activities and/or hands-on activities through the use of choice boards and/or newsletters. Second through twelfth grade students are already engaged in a variety of digital platforms for classes using Google classroom. Assignments may require only basic household materials and should not require a printer.

How long will a Digital Learning Day last? Grade level teams will work together to ensure assignment requirements meet the times below.
Elementary: combined, required assignments should be a maximum of two hours.
Middle: combined, required assignments should be a maximum of three hours.
High: combined, required assignments should be a maximum of four hours.

How will students turn in assignments? Teachers will communicate if assignments should be turned in via Google classroom or on paper when the student returns to school.

Will students be penalized if they cannot complete the work? Teachers will make attempts to identify families who need access to non-digital assignments during Digital Learning Days and be proactive with providing instructional materials. Each teacher will work with students and families to provide alternate assignments that do not require technology. Teachers will not penalize students who do not have access to the Internet or a digital learning device to complete assigned work. Teachers will follow up with students who do not submit their work to find out how the school can assist.

Will this be our practice moving forward? Online Digital Learning at home is new and Heard County will evaluate daily to determine what methods work best to support our students and our community. We are excited to offer this capability for students to continue learning but know that it can pose challenges daily that we will strive to overcome.