

St. Rita School Distance Learning Policy

In anticipation of bad winter weather, St. Rita School faculty and administration have developed a plan to continue work on snow days via distance learning projects. The following guidelines have been discussed and modified through various stakeholder meetings. Please address questions or concerns regarding the following guidelines to Mr. Hulsewede at nhulsewede@stritacatholicschool.com. These guidelines will be posted and reviewed each fall.

Distance Learning Guidelines:

1. Distance learning assignments will begin on the **second** snow day incurred. This means the first snow day we incur will be a regular snow day for the kids. Distance learning has no effect on delayed start days. Delayed starts are counted as regular school days. Distance learning days will also count as regular school days.
2. There can be a maximum of **five** distance learning days counted during a school year. Any days past that will be made up by going to school on an already scheduled day off for this calendar year or with days added on to the end of the school year.
3. Several consecutive distance learning days can be difficult for all parties. In the event that there are several days in a row where weather prohibits school attendance, distance learning may be suspended at the principal's discretion. If suspended, notification through both text messaging and email will be disseminated; otherwise, per this policy, distant learning is in effect for inclement weather days.
4. All teachers will post assignments in advance of the distance learning day. All teachers will post assignments on the Plus Portals (in the homework section). **In addition**, for those teachers who use Google Classroom will post assignments to their digital Google classroom. Notification will be made once assignments are posted. Teachers will also be available from 9:00-2:00 via email to answer any questions or give additional guidance.
5. While assignments may be discussed upon returning to school, they will always be due the following Monday, in order to provide the weekend for parents to ensure that their child has completed all tasks. For example, if Tuesday is a distance learning day, all assignments will be due to the appropriate teacher on the following Monday. After that, they will be considered late. We are maintaining the rigor of the classroom and expect work to be done by students for a grade just as if they had been at school.
6. Attendance for DLD as a regular school day will be granted to students for turning the assignment(s) in on time. For any late assignment (turned in after the following Monday due date) the student will be marked as absent (No exceptions!). Also, just as any regular missed school day, class assignments are still required to be turned in. Therefore, just because a student is marked absent for not turning the DLD assignment in on time, does not exempt them from doing the assignment and eventually turning it in.
7. The following is the school's curriculum plan for distant learning days:
 - Curriculum must cover the subjects of Religion, English Language Arts, Math, as well as Science and/or Social Studies.
 - For grades K-5th, the activities will cover previously taught and assessed grade-level curriculum standards designed to extend learning. Because 6th-8th graders are on a 1 to 1 Chromebook program, it is NOT required that the learning activities be designed around previously taught

content, and those grade-level teachers can choose to continue instruction based on the current curriculum via digital learning.

- Media literacy/research and/or the creation of digital products will be required within the activities for grades 4th-8th.
 - In the event of consecutive snow days, extension activities will be included.
 - Opportunities for re-dos must be given to students by the teacher, once the project has been turned in.
8. Teachers are aware of several mitigating factors such as multiple children in a household trying to get online, grandparents or older siblings being in charge, potential power outages, printer problems, etc. We work on learning activities with all this in mind and try to provide a variety of authentic learning. If you have a unique issue, please make sure to tell the teacher(s) it affects so we can work with you to solve the problem.