



Greetings ECSD Parents,

To say that we have all now entered some uncharted waters together is kind of an understatement. In the last 24 hours, with the announcement that schools are now closed “indefinitely”, we have received guidance that we need to shift gears and prepare a virtual learning time plan for all our 4K-12 students. The Department of Public Instruction has given some direction that schools being closed does not mean that learning should stop, and the Evansville Community School District staff are more than willing to embrace this new challenge.

Our general plan at this point is for our teachers to work with students grades 3-12 primarily online via Chromebook (or home PC) to correspond with teachers and complete work. Our grades 4K - 2 will need a streaming capable device for age-appropriate learning activities. The majority of our ECSD households have Wifi internet or cellular internet access; however, we fully understand that some may not. We are researching alternative options for internet accessibility.

Our current timeline of implementation is as follows:

Tomorrow (March 20) and Friday (March 21): We are providing Chromebooks to be checked out by parents/students. High School students should have their assigned Chromebooks already. Starting at 11:30 am to 5 pm tomorrow, we are offering curbside pickup of Chromebooks for all TRIS students at the TRIS main entrance circle and MS students at the JC McKenna 1st Street main entrance area. Chromebooks will be available for pick-up at the same locations between the hours of 8 am and 5 pm on Friday. Levi Leonard families requesting a Chromebook can pick up at the TRIS drop-off circle as well. Families with capable devices available at home are not required to check out Chromebooks.

Week of March 23 through March 27: As our staff prepare and plan for our full rollout of virtual learning time, students 4K-12 are required to engage in daily literacy activities all week. Younger students may be read to or read with siblings/parents. The majority of our students should be reading independently two hours per day. Discussions and writing about books are great extension activities. Additionally, we have numerous resources listed on our [website](#) towards the bottom of the page under Academic Resources.



Week of March 30 through April 3: As this is technically our Spring Break, we are not officially requiring students to read or engage in literacy activities, but we certainly hope they do so.

Week of April 6 through “indefinite”: Our Virtual Learning Time Plan will be in place. By March 27, all families will receive a digital link to our comprehensive ‘ECSD Virtual Learning Time Plan’ that will outline technology, materials, time requirements, attendance, daily structure and more.

As we embark on this new journey during these unexpected times, we will continue to communicate with families on a regular basis and we expect there will be more unanticipated changes to come. We expect this situation to continue to shift and evolve, and we will remain committed to communicating with families throughout the duration of this process.

Lastly, we completely understand if you have a lot of questions at this time. This virtual learning time approach is new to us all, and we will do our very best to continually provide clarification and guidance as we move forward. Feel free to email me any and all questions you have at eversons@evansville.k12.wi.us and I will do my best to respond to you ASAP.

Stay safe.

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