

Blue Ridge CUSD#18 E-Learning Plan

Blue Ridge CUSD#18 has 1:1 technology K-12th grade. In the event of inclement weather or another type of emergency that would keep the district from being able to have students in attendance, the district may opt to use an e-learning day in place of an emergency day. Up to five e-learning days may be used during a school year; e-learning days are considered days of attendance, so they do not add days to the end of the school year as is the case with emergency days. An e-learning day will be announced via the district webpage, Facebook, Blue Ridge app, text message, and local radio. No student populations will be permitted on campus during an e-learning day. Please refer to the chart below to see the learning plan by grade bands.

Grade(s)	Learning Plan*
Pre-K	Morning and afternoon Google Meets sessions will be offered to students. Students will be provided with a choice board of learning activities.
K-6th grade	Students will have two synchronous Meets sessions with their classroom teacher(s). Assignments will be shared through a digital platform, such as Google classroom, SeeSaw, or Clever.
7th-12th grade	Students will meet synchronously via Meets according to their daily schedule. Assignments will be shared through Google classroom.
All special education students	Case managers will contact students individually or in a small group to provide instruction and/or supports and services.
English Language Learners/Students with unique learning needs	Staff members assigned to students with unique learning needs will contact their respective students personally, or assign the contact to a paraprofessional familiar with the learning needs.

*Note: The above schedule was developed after implementing remote learning for multiple weeks during the 2020-2021 school year. The time and work requirements were found to be suited for each grade level. Teachers have and will continue to communicate with parents, asking them to reach out if their student is unable to attend a synchronous meeting and alternate arrangements will be made.

Revisions to the remote learning plan were made throughout the 2020-2021 school year, based upon teacher, student, and parent/guardian feedback. The administrative team will continue to gather feedback from those sources when e-learning days are used, making modifications as necessary.

Students will be provided with at least five clock hours of instruction with the goal of at least 2.5 hours of the instruction being delivered synchronously. Staff has received training throughout

the 2020-2021 school year as remote and hybrid learning models were used throughout the first three quarters of the school year. New to the district staff will receive technology training on Induction Day, which is held prior to the start of school. This training will include the platforms necessary for delivering e-learning.

At the beginning of each school year, students will be provided with instruction on district learning platforms, such as Clever and Google classroom, which will be used during e-learning days. Additionally, we will prepare for the potential e-learning days by offering jetpack access to families without internet service at their home. This will enable all students to be prepared to attend virtually if an e-learning day is announced. The district messaging system will be used on e-learning days to remind students and parents how to log in to the learning activities for the day and where to report technology issues.

Additionally, all K-6 students may be provided with an e-learning day kit. This kit will include instructional materials and directions for a future day, in case of a technology issue. Students will be directed to use their e-learning day kit if they are unable to access the digital learning provided on an e-learning day.

Staff will be put on alert when the weather forecast is such that an inclement weather day could impact in person learning. Staff and students will be directed to take home all necessary supplies that enable them to successfully complete their learning from home.

According to an MOU dated 12/11/2020 between the Blue Ridge Board of Education and the Blue Ridge Federation of Teachers, on e-learning days, teachers, aides, secretaries, nurses, and clerks may work remotely; the buildings would be open for any staff who choose to work on site. Drivers, mechanics, custodians, cooks, and maintenance staff will work on site, if able. PSRP who are unable to work on a weather-related remote learning day may avoid a loss of pay by choosing one (1) of the first three (3) options listed under Article VII U. Act of God Day, found on page 38 of the Collective Bargaining Agreement. Option four (4) is a dock day; the use of a dock day is not required, but it is available as an option. An affected employee need not choose the same option for each Act of God day, if more than one (1) Act of God day is used during the school year. Each affected employee shall notify the Superintendent of his/her election from the four listed options within ten (10) days of the occurrence of any Act of God day.

Student attendance on e-learning days will be taken through participation in the Google meets sessions. Arrangements for students who attend classes off-campus will be made on an individual basis; students will be contacted.

Once approved, the Blue Ridge E-Learning Plan will be shared with staff and district families through our messaging system and posted on our webpage. Additionally, the plan will be shared again with staff and district families as we approach the season of probable inclement weather.