

PARENTS: Resources and Information amid COVID-19

Greenwood Community School Corporation



Remote Learning vs. Waiver Days

Remote learning, eLearning, online learning - Basically the same thing. We will be using the “remote learning” term. Teachers and students will be expected to be in attendance (online) on these days. Designated staff may be working as well.

Waiver days - Governor Holcomb has provided all schools twenty (20) waiver days to use. Students are not expected to be in attendance on waiver days; however, teachers and designated staff will still be working.

Plans and Schedule through May 1st

All school-related events are canceled through Sunday, May 3rd.

We will utilize waiver days **(W)** from March 30th to April 3rd.

- Teachers and administrators will use this week to formally prepare for remote learning. There will be no school on these days.


From April 6th to May 1st:

- remote learning **(R)** Monday, Wednesday, and Friday
- waiver days **(W)** (no school) every Tuesday and Thursday

Schedule after May 1st is TBD pending COVID-19 updates and guidance from Governor Holcomb.

Greenwood Schools Schedule for Remainder of 2019-20 School Year
Updated 3/19/20

W = Waiver Day – no remote learning
R = Remote Learning



April 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	March 30	March 31	1	2	3	4
	W	W	W	W	W	
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
	R	W	R	W	R	
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
	R	W	R	W	R	
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
	R	W	R	W	R	
26	27	28	29	30	May 1	
	R	W	R	W	R	

Expectations on Remote Learning Days

- Student work will be posted on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays.
- No formal learning will take place on waiver days (Tuesdays and Thursdays).
- Teachers will be available during office hours from 9:00-11:00 and 1:00-3:00.

Teacher hours on MWF

- Prep 8:00-9:00
- Lessons posted by 9:00
- Office hours 9:00-11:00
- Office hours 1:00-3:00

District Supported Technology Resources

Greenwood Community School Corporation has created a list of online resources in which your student may be familiar. As part of the remote learning experience, your student's teacher may have linked assignments to these sites as well as some additional classroom links. While there are many online resources available, our hope is to not overwhelm our families with too many resources at one time.

Website and login information can be found at the link below. Please contact the classroom teacher if your student needs a username and password reminder.

[Spreadsheet of district-supported login information](#)

Communicating with Students and Families

- **Canvas - Discussions or Collaborations tools**
- **Google Hangouts or Zoom**
- **Flipgrid**
- **Padlet**
- **Remind**
- **Class Dojo**
- **Seesaw**

We have asked teachers to communicate and provide feedback to you and your student as often as possible. Some of the options that may be used are listed to the left.

Please look for your student to participate in at least one virtual interaction per week to remain connected to his/her teachers and peers.

What does this mean for my student with an IEP?

We want you, as the parent, to know that your child's safety, health, and well-being are our first priority. We also understand that remote learning is not a replacement for daily, face-to-face instruction. We will do our best to provide instruction that is appropriate for your child.

- If your child has an annual case conference coming up, their Teacher of Record will contact you to schedule it through a phone conference or using Google Meet.
- Special Education services will be provided through a combined effort with their general education teacher, and accommodations will be made through their remote learning experience.
- Teacher of records will be in touch with you within the first week of e-learning to explain their office hours and how to reach them.
- Please know that no question is too small to ask. Start with your teacher of record first - they will work with their principal to make sure your needs are taken care of.

Social Emotional Learning (SEL) Activities

Don't overwhelm students with too much work. Build in some fun brain breaks.

Resources and ideas for families:

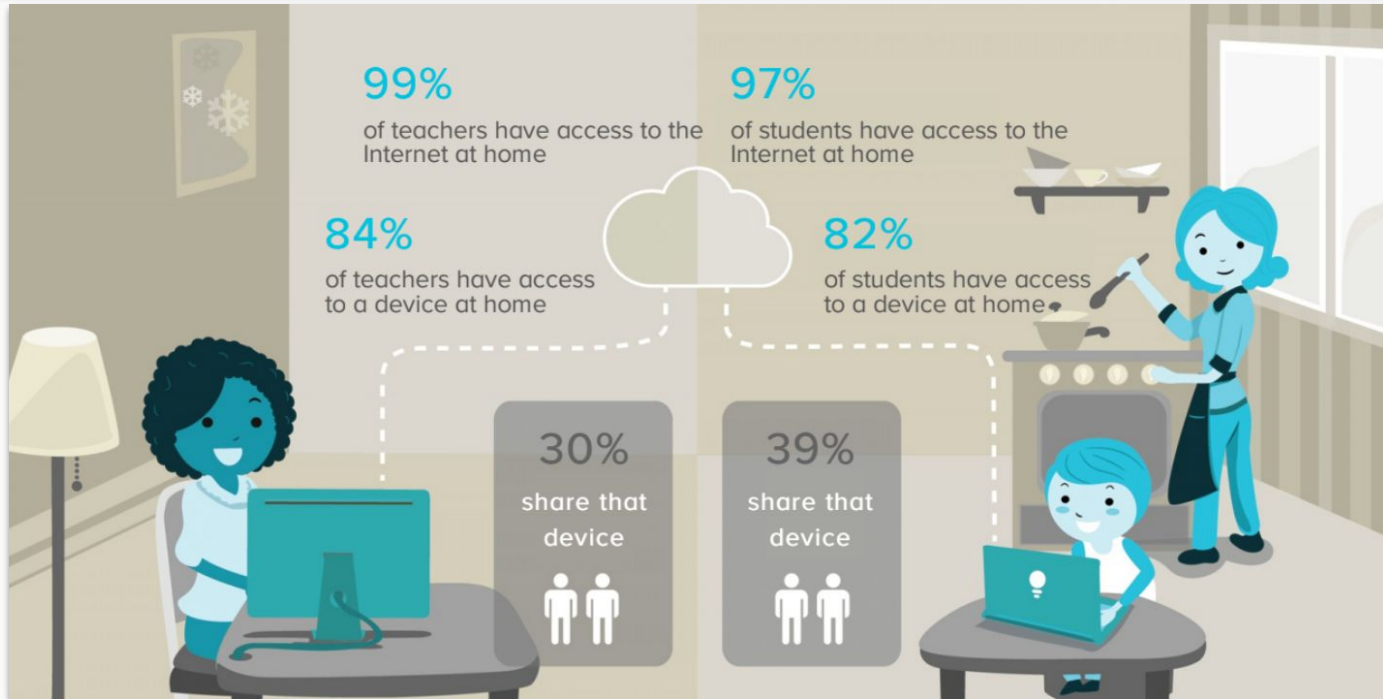
- [Daily schedule](#) for students to follow
- SEL [virtual learning](#) at home
- [Go Noodle](#), go outside, just don't go crazy!
- Please visit [this document](#) from Johnson County to find additional resources to meet your needs
- [In*Source](#)

Food Services for Families

Breakfast and lunch will be provided daily in a drive-thru fashion at Isom Elementary for anyone 18 years old or younger starting Monday, March 30th from 9:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M. ***Please enter at the back parking lot by the playground.***

If you have any questions, contact food service director Cheryl Hargis at chargis@gws.k12.in.us or 317-859-6033. *Food distribution complies with the definition of “essential” as spelled out in Gov. Holcomb’s “stay-at-home” executive order.*

Access to Technology at Home - District Data



Internet Access

Many companies are offering free internet access for 60 days.

- **Access from AT&T** - offering two months of free service to new Access customers who order by April 30th and waiving all overage fees. [Sign up here](#).
- **Charter** - free Spectrum broadband for 60 days. Call 1-844-488-8395. Installation fees will be waived for new student households.
- **Comcast** - new policies for 60 days. Internet Essentials program for \$9.95/month afterwards. [Sign up here](#).
- **Metronet** - sign up [here](#), forward confirmation email to DSASalesSupport@metronetinc.com (include promo code INDYSCHOOLS in subject line and attach a photo of a student picture ID or a virtual homework email message for verification).
- [Xfinity public Wi-Fi spots](#) (access from your car in a parking lot)
- [More service options here](#)

Technology Device and Essential Item Rollout

Families with no device at home: please submit the device request form (one per student needing a device) at bit.ly/GWSdevice (**keep confirmation email**)

- *We hope to have enough devices to distribute to all those in need, but we do have limited quantities since we are not 1:1. Device rollout will be done on a first come first serve basis (based on completion of the form above), and we may not have replacement devices if broken.*

We plan to distribute devices and essential personal items from lockers, classrooms, etc. on April 2nd and 3rd. Times and locations TBD.

Device distribution for remote learning complies with the definition of “essential” as spelled out in Gov. Holcomb’s “stay-at-home” executive order.

Parents - Who to Call for Help

General questions about remote learning or waiver days

- Call the school - a reminder that buildings are closed until April 7th. There will be limited essential staff or no staff on many of these days but voicemail will be routinely checked.

Questions about learning activities

- Contact the teacher via email (search directory at bit.ly/GWSdirectory)

Technology questions

- If related to technology that is part of a lesson, ask the teacher first
- For login questions, view this [cheat sheet](#) and if needed ask teacher for your child's username/password (it is the same as your parent PowerSchool login without 'p' at the end)
- If related to a device, email **help@gws.k12.in.us**

Closing Remarks

- We understand technology cannot replace teaching and learning or human interaction. However, it can keep us connected during this challenging time.
- Many schools have prepared for eLearning for 1-2 days a year... not 8 weeks. Teachers and staff are working very hard to make this a positive experience for you and your family.
- Our community will get through this together.
- Thank you for your grace and patience.