

VIRTUAL LEARNING DAYS

Pottsville School District has embedded five (5) virtual learning days into the school calendar. Virtual Learning Days will provide students with an **option** of completing online assignments or projects from home or at school. If a student opts to work from home, he or she will receive the same curricular rigor as a student who selects to work at school. We are a 1:1 District; therefore, we will provide every student a technology device that he or she may use at school or at home. Hot spots are also available if certain criteria have been met.

Teachers and staff will assist students at the beginning of the school year on how to navigate their technology device as well as how to use the online technology software and resources that they may be asked to work on during a Virtual Learning Day or AMI Day.

HOW WILL VIRTUAL LEARNING DAYS WORK?

- **Kindergarten through 12th Grade Students**
 - Students with Internet access will be able to complete work electronically from home or school.
 - Students who do not have Internet access due to power outages, etc..., will be given the opportunity to download materials prior to or after the Virtual Learning Day.
 - Instructions and information will be provided by your child's teacher, and students are expected to complete the work within one week (7 days) of returning to school.
 - Teachers will be available for assistance during the normally scheduled school day (providing there are no power outages, etc.).
 - There are also links online.
- **Special Education and the Virtual Process**
 - General education teachers and special education teachers will work together and adjust lessons for accommodations.
 - Special education teachers may create the lessons.
 - Teachers may send home materials/manipulatives.
 - Special education teachers may call, email, facetime, Zoom or Google Meet with students if needed (including speech services, physical therapy).
- **Other Accommodations and the Virtual Process**
 - Specialists and coordinators will work with general education teachers and adjust lessons as needed on an individual basis.
 - Assessments and screenings will be performed prior to or after a virtual learning day.

IMPORTANT POINTS TO REMEMBER FOR VIRTUAL LEARNING DAYS (FOR STUDENTS WHO WORK FROM HOME)

- **ATTENDANCE:** Students who do not complete the work will be marked absent.
- **DISCIPLINE:** The student handbook discipline policy will be followed as normal.
- **GRADING POLICY:** Students must complete work within one week (7 days) of returning to school. A student will receive a zero on any assignment or project not completed by then.

Should you have any additional comments or questions regarding the Virtual Learning Days, please call Larry Dugger, Superintendent, at 968.8101 or email him at larry.dugger@pottsvilleschools.org.

