

Estacada School District Families,

We are writing to share information regarding a new method of attending school during days that school is closed due to inclement weather. Estacada School District is launching "Virtual School Days." This term refers to a day when school is canceled due to inclement weather. Families will still be notified of school closings through a phone call, text, and/or email using our automated messaging system. On days when school is closed due to weather, students will now participate in learning opportunities from home. This initiative is designed to close the learning gap that occurs when students stay home for the day, provide a unique learning opportunity, and potentially help reduce the number of days the district will need to make up at the end of the year.

The Virtual School Day plans for each grade level were developed by your student's teachers with the support of our school administrators. There will be accommodations made for families that do not have access to the internet or computers. As with any new initiative, there may be some unforeseen issues that occur. Please know that we will take these into consideration as we continue to improve this new learning experience for our students. Please note that our elementary buildings will have a slightly different approach than the Middle School and High School. Your student's principal will be sending out a detailed plan for what your child's learning during the Virtual School Day will look like.

Your child's teacher will be reaching out via email or phone call in the morning of every Virtual School Day to initiate a required communication for that day.

Attendance will be taken during this day, and will be earned through a student (or parent, in the case of elementary students) responding to your child's teacher via email or phone call at least once during each Virtual Day before 8 pm. Your student will also need to turn in assigned work from that day within 3 days of returning to school.

Unable to reach your student's teacher by email? Contact them via phone by dialing 503-630-6871, then dial the teacher's extension. Leaving a message before 8 pm will be sufficient for that portion of the attendance requirement. A directory of extensions will be provided in your principal's newsletter .

We are excited to pilot this new opportunity for learning, and thank our Estacada School District families for your support and collaboration as we work to create and maximize this new experience.