

## AVELLA AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

### DISTANCE LEARNING DAY GUIDELINES

#### **Distance Learning Day Guidelines (DLD) for AASD Parents/Guardians**

Due to Avella Area School District being closed for an extended period of time Distance Learning will be used in place of a school day that would be canceled. On a DLD, students will complete learning activities and assignments provided by their teachers at home.

#### **What's the benefit of a DLD?**

Implementing a DLD will maintain a continuity of education while school is closed.

#### **If the District calls for a DLD, how will I know?**

Students and parents/guardians will be informed of an DLD through the Districts' notification system in the same way that school closings and delays are currently announced. Notifications will be distributed via School Messenger and will be posted on the District's website, [www.avella.k12.pa.us](http://www.avella.k12.pa.us). This information will not be placed on social media sites.

#### **What will be expected of my child during the DLD?**

Students in grades K-12 will be expected to log on to their class's Google Classroom or complete an academic packet. Students utilizing Google Classroom will have material available no later than 9:30 am on the DLD. If a child does not have internet access, they will be provided with an academic packet. Students that are utilizing Google Classroom will have an assignment posted each day. Students that have an academic packet will be given two weeks worth of assignments in the event the governor extends the statewide school closure.

#### **How does student attendance work?**

Student attendance will be determined in the following ways:

- **Google Classroom:** Assignments submitted to your class's Google Classroom on time.
- **Academic Packet:** Completion of each day's assignment in the academic packet. Packets will be returned to teachers upon the student's return to school or by school pick up if the closure is extended.

Students that fail to complete the above stipulations will be marked absent and receive a zero for the day.

## **How can I contact a teacher or staff member during a DLD?**

All teachers and professional staff members will be available via email during an DLD. This includes special area teachers such as music, art, library, physical education, learning support, teachers in specialized programs, reading specialists, and school counselors and principals, unless the individual is ill that day.

## **What if my child needs help with a lesson/assignment on a DLD, will teachers be available to answer questions?**

Yes, all school-based staff members will be available to answer questions on a DLD via email during the hours below. Mr. Wargo, network administrator, will also be available at [wargog@avellasd.org](mailto:wargog@avellasd.org).

- All Staff K-12: 9:30 am to 2:30 pm

## **How long will my child have to complete DLD lessons and/or assignments?**

Students with internet connection via phone/desktop computer/chromebook will be expected to have assignments completed by the due date determined by the teacher. Students with academic packets will return assignments to teachers upon the student's return to school or by school pick up if the closure is extended.

## **What happens if a child fails to complete his/her assignment?**

Any student who fails to complete his/her DLD assignment will be marked as absent and will receive a zero on any graded assignment that was not submitted.

## **My child has an IEP, will his/her lesson be modified appropriately?**

The DLD lesson will be designed for students with special needs utilizing their program modifications, specially designed instruction and supplementary aids and services identified in their individualized education plans. Upon return from a DLD, teachers of students with special needs will meet with their students to review work submitted, checking for completion and understanding. Any related services (Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Speech, etc.) scheduled during the DLD will be rescheduled according to the frequency requirements of the students' individualized education plan.

## **Will the campus be closed on a DLD?**

Yes, the school campus will be closed to all students and parents/guardians.