Frequently Asked Questions

What is an E-Learning Day??
E-Learning allows students to continue their learning through educational engagement provided by the teacher for completion of work outside of the traditional classroom. Students will be given resources for each class/subject in order to successfully complete their learning. Lessons will expand and/or build upon learning that has already happened in the classroom. The E-Learning Day is also intended to do a number of things to help prepare students for their future.

Why do we need E-Learning Days??
Due to the extreme weather conditions that happen over the winter months in Minnesota that affect decision-making on ensuring student safety, the Ashby School District is making use of E-Learning Days as an alternative to adding student school days to the end of the existing school year and to keep students active in their learning during days that school is closed due to extreme weather conditions. The second reason is to better prepare all students for the future as post-high school learning will involve technology and alternative forms of instructional delivery that do not traditionally do not happen in a PreK-12 educational setting.

How will students, parents and staff be notified that there is an E-Learning Day??
The school will communicate to all parents (PreK-12), and all staff through Instant Alert, which is currently being used for any weather-related announcements. In the message being sent, it will state/read that this school closure day is an "E-Learning Day".

How will students be expected to "make-up" their learning, if not in attendance??
They will be responsible for doing the required daily work on their own time as they would in any other situation in which they may have been absent from school.

What will happen if students do not complete E-Learning Day assignments??
E-learning assignments are treated like every other assignment given in class. They must be completed, otherwise, the student will not get credit for being in attendance for that day, as well as the student will receive no credit for assigned work. Students will have two days beyond the E-Learning Day to complete all assigned work for the E-Learning Day. Parents will notify the school if there are circumstances beyond their control.

Are students required to be in attendance for an E-Learning days??
Student attendance will be tracked on student E-Learning Days. It may be noted or documented for students in various ways depending on a student's grade level and their completion of assigned work.

Is technology required for our E-Learning Days??
Teachers will be posting student assignments and expectations, Google Classroom or Seesaw, however, if a family has indicated they do not have access to the internet from their residence, alternate accommodations will be made in order for students to submit the necessary assignments and meet the expectations.

What should my child do if daycare does not allow ipads or electronic devices??
Daycares will continue to follow their normal policies. If the student can not access the internet or a hard copy of the learning activities/assignment, the student will be given additional time to complete learning activities/assignments.

Are there any simple things I can do if I'm having issues with the school tech devices?
1. Restart the student's device so that it can refresh itself and reconnect to the network. Make sure you are not just putting it in and out of sleep mode but that it is an actual shutdown or full restart.
2. "Authenticate to the Portal". This can be done at portal.ashbyps.org and sign in with the Google account. If you see a blue Logout button, then you are all set.
3. Ensure students are logged in to their actual school account. Chromebooks usually take care of this for you but smartphones and other devices oftentimes are not actually fully logged into the Google account or are instead logged into a personal account.
4. Reset your wi-fi router and modem. Usually, these devices have a small reset button on the back or often can simply be unplugged and plugged back in. This will fix most internet issues and is likely the first step your service provider will have you complete.

Will teachers be available to me if I have questions??
Teachers will be available to students via phone, as well as online through email, Google Classroom, and Seesaw from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm.

How much time are students expected to spend on an E-Learning Day to complete assignments??
The expected time can be estimated at approximately 20-25 minutes per subject/class. Teachers have designed learning activities and assignment expectations that will fit within this time frame.

How many E-Learning Days are possible??
The Minnesota Department of Education allows for a maximum of FIVE E-Learning Days that can be used in one school year. The Ashby School Board has approved the use of **FIVE** E-Learning Days in one school year. The notice must be given to parents, no later than 2 hours prior to the start of an E-Learning Day.