

MSAD 28/FIVE TOWN CSD
REMOTE SCHOOL DAYS OVERVIEW
2023-24

Goal: To implement a remote instruction process that meets or exceeds the standard for structured learning time so that these days can be counted towards the required days of instruction for the calendar year. This requires several objectives and an understanding that this will look different at the elementary, middle, and high school levels. If we can have school, we still will!

A Remote School Day is a day that students and teachers stay home but it is a school day. Students and teachers are expected to work that day so we can reduce our lost days, and not have to make them up at the end of the year or on a Saturday in the spring. We may call Remote School Days instead of cancelling school for a snow day or for health and safety, staffing shortages or other similar reasons. It depends on many factors, and we won't know until the time arrives; however, we can all be prepared in case the necessity arises. If it will be for an extended period of time, we will try to provide a 24-hour notice when possible. Remote School Days will not be called on days we expect widespread power outages.

Most of our regular media outlets have a "Remote School Day" option, so in addition to using our internal messaging "all-call" (phone, text, and email to notify parents between 5:30 - 6:00 am), we will post the Remote School Day message in local media outlets. It will also be on our websites.

1. GENERAL PROCEDURES FOR REMOTE SCHOOL DAYS

- All teachers, school counselors, psychologists, social workers, nurses, interventionists, and librarians will be available for "office hours" from 9 – 9:45 am and 2 – 3:00 pm.
- The regular day's schedule will be abbreviated and run from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm with lunch from 12:00 pm – 12:30 pm.
- Student needs related to established additional school supports (ELL, 504, IEP) will have their work modified based upon their needs. This will happen prior to the Remote School Days and may include additional time and resources for these students upon their return to school.
- Attendance will be handled as a normal day would.
- For students participating in an online learning environment (5th – 12th grade), if a home is without power, students must communicate with their teachers once that power is restored. "Classwork" will be due at a reasonable time as determined by the school's policies.
- *It is important to note that it is a civil offense (fine between \$200 - \$500) to distribute or retransmit a recording of a teacher providing remote instruction. (Chapter 383, LD 864)*

SCHOOL SPECIFIC INFORMATION

1. Camden Rockport Elementary School

CRES will not have Remote School Days.

2. Camden Rockport Middle School

All Remote School Days for grades 5 - 8 will be virtual and the day will replicate an in-person school day as closely as possible. Students will follow their regularly scheduled classes on the Remote School Day. For example, if the Remote School Day is a Day 2 students will need to follow their Day 2 schedule and attend classes virtually.

- Teachers will instruct students using a digital platform to create an interactive learning environment. The intent is not to simply give an assignment, but to create a remote classroom learning experience (i.e., have a virtual class).
- Remote School Day materials will be available on whatever platform a teacher typically uses.
- There will be no homework on a Remote School Day.
- Completed classwork is due and expected to be turned in the day of the Remote School Day.

3. Camden Hills Regional High School for ALL REMOTE SCHOOL DAYS

Remote School Days will allow our academic schedule to continue uninterrupted, which is vital to both short-term and long-term success. Working remotely helps students develop skills in independence and time management, both of which are necessary for post-secondary success. All Remote School Days for grades 9-12 will be virtual and the day will replicate an in-person school day as closely as possible.

- Students will attend their regularly scheduled classes on the Remote School Day. For example, if the Remote School Day is a White Day students will need to follow their White Day schedule and attend classes virtually.
- Classes will meet at a specific time like a normal school day, although their schedule will be condensed.
- All class materials will be available in Schoology on the day of a Remote School Day including the zoom link to their online class.
- There will be no homework on a Remote School Day.
- Completed classwork is due and expected to be turned in the day of the Remote School Day.
- If students cannot access the online material, they need to check in with their teachers before the next scheduled class.

TECH SUPPORT

Five Town CSD/MSAD #28 technology staff will offer limited support for hardware, software and account-related issues from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. on Remote School Days. Students should email their questions or problems to it@fivetowns.net

SUBSTITUTES

We will not have substitute teachers on Remote School Days. Teachers in Grades 3 -12 will have to pre-plan an “Emergency Remote School Day” lesson (unless a grade level project does not require an individual teacher plan) for their classes that can be distributed in case of a teacher absence on a Remote School Day. If a teacher is out sick and cannot participate in a remote school day, the expectations for students will be posted in Schoology or Google for each class period.

AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

On days when there is a remote day, the school administration will determine, based on travel safety, if after school activities will occur. Most activities will not happen. However, the school will communicate directly with relevant parents and students about any after school activities that WILL occur.

LUNCH

We will provide lunch to any student who wants a free meal on the Remote School Day ***ahead of time***. The Food Services Department will communicate with all families to sign up well ahead of time and be given a non-perishable meal. If you want to access lunch for the Remote Day, make sure to fill out the survey or contact Mikael.Andersson@fivetowns.net directly.