

## **Questions and Answers Related to Implementation of eLearning in Rock Hill Schools:**

### **Question: What is the purpose of the eLearning pilot program?**

**Answer:** The SC General Assembly has passed legislation that allows the Education Oversight Committee to offer a pilot program for school systems to create alternative methods of instruction for students and eliminate make-up days related to bad weather. Rock Hill Schools is one of ten (10) districts selected for this pilot program.

If snow or ice hits the school district, students will be able to access assignments via laptops or other specially-prepared learning materials. The project will help parents/guardians, who will be able to plan summer activities without having to consider some makeup days. Technology provided by the school system will enhance teachers' abilities to communicate with the students.

### **Question: When will details become available regarding the requirements for students and teachers participating in the eLearning pilot?**

**Answer:** As Rock Hill Schools was recently selected and notified of its participation in the eLearning pilot, the school system will participate in upcoming state-wide training, begin preparation, and provide information for students, teachers, and parents during the first semester. The two days for make-up will not be available until the second semester.

### **Question: Will this eLearning opportunity only apply to students who are issued a mobile device from Rock Hill Schools?**

**Answer:** The project will be planned so that all students, Grades K – 12, have the opportunity to participate in the eLearning pilot program regardless if a device is issued, or not, from Rock Hill Schools.

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**Question: Will the school district be limited in the number of days of eLearning to be used for make-up days?**

**Answer:** Yes, a maximum of two (2) eLearning days will be available for make-up days during the first year of the pilot (2019-2020).

**Question: Will the eLearning lessons address academic or content skills of the students?**

**Answer:** Yes, the academic and content skills covered in the lessons will be based upon the students' learning standards and reflect work that would take place in the traditional learning setting.

**Question: Will the district make eLearning available to students who do not have internet access at home?**

**Answer:** Yes, provisions will be made so that all K – 12 students, regardless of technology and information access at home, have access to the eLearning resources and materials.

**Questions: Will parents/guardians be informed of any eLearning targets and availability for any day missed by inclement weather?**

**Answer:** Yes, the district will use its communication tools to let parents/guardians know of the eLearning targets and activities by 9:00 A.M. on the day that is missed due to inclement weather. Parents/guardians will also receive communication as to how many days the student has to complete the eLearning assignments in order to be “counted present” for the eLearning day.

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**Questions: Will students and parents/guardians have a clear understanding of the responsibilities of students to complete eLearning assignments?**

**Answer:** Yes, students and parents/guardians will receive communication in advance of the eLearning day and expectations.

**Question: Will students or parents/guardians who experience problems accessing the eLearning assignments be supported by the school system?**

**Answer:** Yes, the district will plan for communication and support opportunities to assist any stakeholders experiencing difficulty accessing the eLearning documents and lessons.

**Question: Will teachers be required to make-up the day missed if school is closed and eLearning is offered to students?**

**Answer:** Teacher representatives will be involved in the district's planning and implementation of the eLearning pilot so that activities are provided that the teacher may access for make-up. Rock Hill Schools will receive more information as to how the eLearning pilot affects all employees at an upcoming training.