

RIVERSIDE PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT 96

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To: Dr. Martha Ryan-Toye, Superintendent
From: Angela Dolezal, Director of Teaching and Learning
Date: October 8, 2025
Re: Riverside School District 96 eLearning Plan

Illinois School Code (105 ILCS 5/10-20.56) permits students to receive instruction electronically in place of the district's scheduled emergency days, provided that students engage in at least five (5) clock hours of instruction or school work. eLearning plans must be renewed for a three-year term.

Riverside School District 96 first approved three eLearning days on December 18, 2019, for the 2019–20 through 2021–22 school years. On October 19, 2022, the Board approved five eLearning days for the 2022–23 through 2024–25 school years.

History of Usage

- **2021–22:** 2 days used (February 2 and February 3)
- **2022–23:** 0 days used
- **2023–24:** 2 days used (January 12 and January 16)
- **2024–25:** 0 days used

This fall, the Board will be asked to renew the District 96 eLearning Plan for the 2025–26 through 2027–28 school years.

Key Components of the District 96 eLearning Plan

- **Communication:** Families and staff are notified promptly of an eLearning day through email, automated calls, and postings on the district website.
- **Instructional Approach:** Students participate in both synchronous (live) and asynchronous learning across all grade levels.
- **Access & Equity:** All students are issued district devices (iPads for grades K–2, Chromebooks for grades 3–8). Supports are provided for students without reliable internet access.
- **Instructional Time:** Students in grades 1–8 receive at least five hours of learning activities; PreK and kindergarten students receive at least 2.5 hours of learning activities.
- **Student Experience:** Learning is standards-aligned, connected to ongoing units, and designed for teachers to assess completion and understanding.
- **Teacher Availability:** Teachers provide live instruction and hold office hours to support students and families.

- **Student Services:** Students receiving English learner services, interventions, or special education supports continue to receive these services on eLearning days.

This eLearning plan is being shared for discussion today. A public hearing will be held on Wednesday, October 15, 2025, followed by a request for action at the Regular Business Meeting that evening.