

FAQs

What is a Self-Directed Digital Learning Day?

Students make time on a “snow day” or within seven days of cancelled school to complete at least three engaging, self-directed, open-ended learning activities. Students should submit evidence of their work completion to their homeroom teacher via e-mail or by turning in the learning day activity choice board, comprised of selected learning opportunities, along with any work that is completed. For some activities, evidence of learning may include circling the activity to verify and acknowledge the activity was completed. Other evidence may include a photograph of the student completing the work or a picture of a finished product.

Why did UGES create Self-Directed Digital Learning Days?

Historically, winter weather in southeast Wisconsin can be persistent and disruptive. In some years, we have had to add school days at the end of the school year to make up for days and instructional time missed due to inclement weather. This year, we are working to limit disruption by using available resources, creating specific school plans for Digital School Days, and providing information to our staff members, families, and students.

As part of our District’s commitment to improving student achievement, we are providing students with more opportunities for learning and the resources to learn without disruption during snow days. Also, occasional Digital School Days promote 21st century job readiness and post-secondary educational opportunities for working and learning remotely.

When will self-directed learning for school cancellation days occur?

Self-directed learning days will occur on days when in-school attendance is cancelled. School is typically cancelled for safety and weather related situations such as excessive snow or extremely cold temperatures.

How will families be notified of a Self-Directed Digital Learning Day?

When a school day is canceled, an email will be sent out all 7th/8th grade families with a link to the Digital Snow Day activities and expectations.

Where can I find the assignments for the Self- Directed Digital Learning Day?

Digital Day activities can be found on the website under the Parents tab. You can click on the “Self Directed Digital Learning Day link which will take you to a page with the activities, frequently asked questions, and additional information.

What about 2 hour delays?

In the event of two-hour delays, a Digital School Day will not be held. Students and staff are typically either getting to school or going home during those school hours missed, and assignments and activities are not expected for either students or staff for that time.

What if my child is on a pre-arranged absence?

In the case of a pre-arranged absence, the student would be expected to make up the learning activities and assignments just as if it were any other absence from school.

Will the School building be closed on a Self-Directed Digital Learning Day, just as it is on a regular snow day?

Yes, the building will be closed.

Will staff be accessible during a Self-Directed Digital Learning Day?

Yes, staff members will be expected to be accessible through their emails from 8:00 am – 3:00 pm in the case that students have questions.

Will students need and have access to the Internet? What can be done if technology is not working or there is not adequate access on a Self-Directed Digital Learning Day?

Some activities may require access to the Internet. However, there is a range of activities that can be done without the use of computers or the Internet.

We have only one computer at home, but there are several students in our family. What should we do?

Students should all have their chrome books and will not have to complete any activities they could not complete on those.

How does self-directed learning for weather cancellation account for attendance? Will self-directed learning assignments be graded?

Students will be expected to submit proof of completion for three activities within seven days of cancelled school. Teachers will be asked to review work submission to learn more about their students and work completion. However, focus is not on a formal grade.

Will there be accommodations for students with special needs?

Yes, case managers will email any students with IEPs the accommodations they may need/have for the Self-Directed Digital Day activities.