

Broncho Family,

The Lafayette School Corporation will be piloting a new eLearning Day program starting in the 2019-2020 school year for students in Grades 5-12. Participating schools will include Sunnyside, Tecumseh, Oakland High School, and Jefferson. ELearning programs have been utilized throughout Indiana for nearly a decade, and LSC students are well-equipped to participate given their experience with their individually-issued computers and daily use of them for instruction.

For this pilot year of the program, two (2) eLearning Days have been scheduled on predetermined dates (November 6, 2019 and January 30, 2020). Students will work on their lessons from home and submit their assignments electronically to their teachers. At the school buildings, Technology staff will be just a phone call or email away should technical assistance be needed. Teachers will have set “office hours” which will be advertised to students in advance so that they can be reached by phone or email very quickly for assistance with the lessons. As always, students with IEPs/504 plans and ELL students will have accommodations for their eLearning lessons. Additionally, staff will have the opportunity to participate in professional development on eLearning Days that could include work on, for example, curriculum, school improvement plans, special trainings, and school safety protocols.

To prepare students for our pilot eLearning Days, staff will communicate expectations to students in the days leading up to them. Teachers will be encouraged to develop quality lessons that meet the same academic standards and skills that would be practiced on any other typical day of school. Students will be expected to submit/complete work electronically for every class on the eLearning Day, which will serve as their attendance for the class that day.

Please note that these eLearning Days are scheduled for November 6, 2019 and January 30, 2020, and only students in Grades 5-12 will be participating. The program will not be utilized in LSC for inclement weather.

Should you have questions, please contact Brandon Hawkins. (765-772-4750) Additional information specific to Tecumseh eLearning is included below.

Thank you,

The Lafayette School Corporation Administrative Team

ELEARNING DAY IMPLEMENTATION PLAN FOR 2019-2020 SCHOOL YEAR – Tecumseh Junior High School

1. Purpose
2. Expectations & Logistics

1.Purpose

Tecumseh, Sunnyside, & Jefferson administrators began investigating eLearning days in Spring 2018 after a discussion of their benefits. Over 300 school corporations, private schools, and charters participate in either scheduled or incremental eLearning days. Our secondary students in LSC, who are well-versed in using 1 to 1 computing to receive and interact with instructional content via OneNote & Canvas, would benefit from being able to learn electronically out of the building with the “blended” classroom model. A blended classroom model is comprised of instructional activities both inside and outside of the classroom via technology tools. Additionally, the [Indiana DOE’s Office of eLearning](#) promotes, “[eLearning] has provided teachers and students the opportunity to engage with digital resources, to collaborate virtually, and to develop digital skills that are used and valued beyond K-12.” Also, we learned that seven of the ten North Central Conference high schools have frequent built-in professional development times for teachers and staff. Utilizing eLearning days will allow the LSC secondary schools the opportunity to hold professional development, department planning, curriculum review, and even inter-school staff collaboration during teacher contract hours. To assess the impact of eLearning on the TJHS school-community, we will start with two pilot days during the 2019-2020 school year for Grades 5-12.

2.Expectations & Logistics

Tecumseh eLearning Days for Students

- **Students will not physically attend school on eLearning days.**
- Students can begin eLearning work as soon as assignments are made available by the teacher. This is typically the afternoon before the eLearning day.
- Work is due within 48 hours of the beginning of the eLearning day. The due date for the November 6th eLearning day is 8:00 am on Friday, November 8th. The due date for the January 30th eLearning day is 8:00 am on Monday, February 3rd. Attendance is determined by work submitted/completed by the designated due date. **Students that do not submit/complete work by the due date will be marked absent for the eLearning day.**
- All teachers will instruct their students on how to access the eLearning assignment the day prior to the eLearning day.
- The lesson/assignment should be viewed and completed electronically for all students that have access to the technology tools. Students that do not have access to the technology tools will be provided with an instructionally comparable non-digital assignment the day prior to the eLearning day.
- For technical support (wifi, log in, hardware, ThinkPad...), students or parents can call the building Tech (765-772-4750 ex. 2112)
- For instructional support (OneNote, Canvas, assignments) students or parents can email teachers throughout the eLearning day. Teachers will respond during their office hours 10:30-11:30 am & 1:15-2:15 pm. Teachers can also be reached by calling the school (765-772-4750) and asking to speak to their teacher during office hours. (10:30-11:30 am & 1:15-2:15 pm)
- There will be no afterschool athletic practices or club meetings on eLearning days. Formal competitions will proceed as scheduled on eLearning days.