

Frequently Asked Questions Regarding Remote Learning Days

This document will be updated with more information as we know more about Remote Learning Days and how they will impact learning within our district.

1. What are Remote Learning Days?

Remote Learning Days are provided by the school districts in Illinois during the time that schools are shut down from COVID-19. While on site instruction cannot occur within our schools, teachers are providing students with opportunities to continue to learn either through internet-based resources, or through paper packets. Remote Learning Days formally begin on Friday, April 3rd and will continue until the end of the North Mac Academic year or until the school closure has been lifted and we may return to school.

2. What will my child have to do during Remote Learning Days?

We ask that your child completes the assignments from their teacher each day. Remote Learning Days are not as long as regular school days. We do not expect your child to participate in learning activities for six hours a day. In fact, the state of Illinois recommends the following time constraints at home.

Grade Level	Student Engagement Time	Recommended Length of Sustained Attention
PreK	20 – 60 minutes per day	3-5 minutes
Kindergarten	30-90 minutes per day	3-5 minutes
First and Second Grade	45 – 90 minutes per day	5-10 minutes
Third – Fifth Grade	60-120 minutes per day	10 – 15 minutes
Sixth – Eighth	15-30 minutes per course per day	1 subject area or class
High School	20-45 minutes per course per day	1 subject area or class

3. Where do we find the Remote Learning Day assignments?

To access assignments for students, please visit www.northmacschools.org and view the website of your child's teacher(s). If you require paper copies of assignments, please contact your child's teacher to request that a packet be sent home.

4. What if my child does not have access to the internet or a device to use?

We know that not all students are able to access work online. Our teachers have paper packets available for students. If you would prefer a paper packet for your child, please contact your child's teacher. Packets will be mailed home on a bi-weekly basis to those students who need them.

5. How will my child be graded on their work?

Because of the unique nature of this national emergency, we are instituting a Pass/Incomplete system for grading. This means that your child is required to attempt the work that is assigned to them. Please communicate weekly with your child's teacher to let them know how your child is doing. If you have any questions, please contact your child's teacher. Note the following:

- Students may receive feedback from teachers. Grades will only be recorded if they improve the student's academic standing. There will be no educational harm to any child from a grade received.
- Students who fail to complete and submit assignments will receive incompletes until the work has been submitted. It is required to make a good faith effort on all assignments and to submit those assignments.
- All students have the ability to improve their grades for the second semester.
- All students should have the opportunity to redo, make up, or try again to complete, show progress, or attempt to complete work assigned during remote learning.
- The emphasis for schoolwork assigned, reviewed, and completed during the remote learning period is on staying engaged and connecting with instructors.
- Students' grades from when they left school prior to the school closure will not be adversely impacted.

6. What if my child does not understand what is given to them?

Please feel free to contact your child's teacher anytime between the hours of 9:00AM and 2:00PM. We ask that you use email as much as possible. We will help as much as we can. Most of the work should be skills that your child is building upon, not new content or skills that need to be mastered.

7. What if we can't finish the assignments?

Just do what you can. These are exceptional circumstances for us all. Contact your child's teacher if you are having difficulty getting assignments completed. No child will be penalized during this time, but assignments are required to be submitted and a good faith effort on the part of students for each assignment is a minimum expectation.

8. Will there be tests that my child must complete?

No. Tests and assessments will not be given at this time.

9. My child is working on paper packets. Do I turn these back into their teacher?

No. We ask that you review their work and let us know how they are doing. We want to limit as much cross contamination as possible; therefore, packets will not be passed back and forth.

10. Are the schools and district office closed?

For the safety of the public, as well as the faculty and staff at North Mac, all buildings and offices will remain closed during the foreseeable future. Please email your building administrator if you have a concern or question that your child's teacher was unable to answer.

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