

MAHONING VALLEY COMMUNITY SCHOOL

Jennifer B. Merritt, Superintendent

2025-2026 Online Day Plan

OVERVIEW

The Mahoning Valley Community School is committed to providing uninterrupted learning for our students, even in situations that prevent in-person attendance. To address this, the School has established the Online Day Plan, which enables our students to continue their education from home.

NOTIFICATION OF ONLINE DAY PLAN

If the Mahoning Valley Community School should need to enact an Online Day Plan, parents and guardians will be notified as quickly as possible through the School's messaging system, website, and social media platforms.

WHY DO ONLINE DAYS?

Changes to Ohio's calamity day statute in the budget bill, effective October 3, 2023, have replaced "blizzard bags" with online makeup days. Starting with the 2024-2025 school year, schools must have an Online Day Plan by August 1 of each year.

DEFINITION OF ONLINE DAYS

Online days are used to make up for school closures under specific circumstances, allowing for up to three school days to be conducted online. These allowable circumstances include:

- Disease epidemic;
- Hazardous weather conditions;
- Law enforcement emergencies;
- Inoperability of school buses or other equipment necessary to the school's operation;
- Damage to a school building; or
- Other temporary circumstances due to utility failure rendering the school building unfit for use.

Note: Staffing shortages, parent-teacher conferences, and professional development days may not be reasons to enact the Online Day Plan.

IF THE SCHOOL ENACTS THIS PLAN AT ANY TIME DURING THE SCHOOL YEAR, THE FOLLOWING LEARNING EXPECTATIONS WILL BE FOLLOWED:

To the extent possible, the school will provide for teacher-directed synchronous learning in which the teacher and students are interacting in real time on a virtual learning platform during the closure;

To the extent possible, the school will follow its normal schedule of school hours to conduct its Online Day Plan;

To the extent possible, teachers will report to the school building to conduct their instruction – in the event that the building must close, teachers will conduct their instruction from home or other location agreed upon;

To the extent possible, teachers will be required to document attendance for each block or period as they do on a typical school day – should this method of attendance tracking not be available, teachers will manually record students' attendance and provide to the administration as soon as possible;

All students will have access to the Online Day Plan option. Students will be provided individual electronic devices if needed to access the curriculum. Students with Individualized Education Programs will have access to Intervention Specialists through Google Classroom and Google Meets for support. ELL Support Instructors will be available through Google Classroom and Google meets to support ELL students.

Links to online learning, Google Classroom and Google Meets content will be sent to students via student email accounts, all-calls and the School's messaging systems to ensure all students have access to the curriculum and online learning components.

Students will be able to access the online curriculum with personal cell phone devices in situations where internet/connectivity is not available. Students can utilize public libraries when available and travel conditions are safe to do so to access internet connections. Students who need assistance with connectivity can contact the School for support options.

MVCS Teacher Representative:

Date: 7/29/2025

MVCS Superintendent:

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