

iLearn@home Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

What changes can we expect for this year's iLearn@home days?

Based on the survey results, feedback, and success of the last two year's implementation of iLearn@home, we have fine-tuned a few aspects of the program. We have set a schedule for the **first 5 days** and are publicizing those days for everyone to be on same page. Also the teachers and school staff have spent considerably more time creating lessons that will be better suited for learning from home and for the time allotted. Finally, to accommodate learning at the middle and high school levels, some content may be new content but that information will be communicated in advance by the teachers AND will be something students can work on independently.

How many days did we use for iLearn@home last year?

The last two years the Barren County Schools used three days for **iLearn@home** instead of having three additional snow days to make up at the end of the year. This year we are planning to use up to 5 days, with others considered after that if we have a bad winter.

Will we ever have SNOW DAYS again? Does this mean NO MORE SNOW DAYS?

After our implementation last year & based on survey data, this year the iLearn@home days will be scheduled for the first FIVE (5) weather related closing days. If we miss additional days, the decision will be on individual basis about using more iLearn@home days. Therefore we might expect to have some snow days after the first five weather related closing days, depending on how severe the weather is this year.

So how do I find out more about the iLearn@home Days?

We are increasing our communication about **iLearn@home Days** this fall to assist our students, our families and our BC staff in preparing for this year's implementation. Additional resources have been added to our district website which has a dedicated page just for **iLearn@home** - <http://www.barren.kyschools.us/content/ilearn>. When updated communications go out about **iLearn@home** those messages will appear on the top of that page. Also informational newsletters are being shared with schools for fall PTO meetings and other events so the word gets out before inclement weather starts. Our social media pages and new BC District App will have up-to-date information when **iLearn@home Days** begin.

So if we do the work at home, this means we don't have to make up that day at the end of the year?

Exactly – If we implement these days properly we will be able to count these days as school days. That means we need all students and staff to participate so we have the documentation we need to prove we completed the work for the day. We may still have other days that we miss and don't use iLearn@home days, so those days will be made up during the year (if possible) or added to the end of the year calendar.

Do I have to have a computer or access to the internet?

No – In fact most of the materials we have seen have either been paper/book assignments OR electronic resources that have alternative assignments for those who can't access. We don't want access to computers or the internet to keep students from being able to participate. If web access is needed for families, we have compiled a short list of public **WiFi** access points that we will have available on our website.

How many days do we have to get the work completed?

The hope is that the work can all be completed on the day we are having the ***iLearn@home***, but we are aware that there may be circumstances and issues that keep students from working at home – like electricity issues or other factors. So with that in mind, we are allowing for 3 days for the work to be completed and returned to teachers.

Will grades be taken on the work completed on iLearn@home?

Yes grades will be taken – as participation or as homework. In some cases project grades may be taken. Your teacher will further explain how grading will be done. Staff are asked to put grades in Infinite Campus to help document the work completed on ***iLearn@home*** days for the Kentucky Department of Education waiver.

What about the time I usually like to spend outside on a snow day?

Several of the plans that the teachers have created have ideas and choice activities for students to create or work outside on snow days. Part of those activities will be around the physical activity that is completed during the day.

I have high school classes that indicate we will be doing some new course work – and I wonder what that will be like...

Based on feedback from last year, students and staff indicated that for some courses they needed to move ahead with a few classes due to pacing and preparation for exams. For specialized classes like AP courses, dual credit classes, Area Technical Courses (ATC), and a few others, the course work is on a schedule for exams to be given in the spring like AP, KOSSA, WorkKeys, etc. Due to this feedback, we have changed ***iLearn@home*** days for middle and high schools to allow for new course work – but this needs to be clearly communicated to students and families so they know what to expect. If you have questions, please contact your child’s teacher or principal for more information.

How will I know what is iLearn@home material – will it look different from our normal homework?

Each teacher was given the ***iLearn@home*** logo to place on the work they provide in print or electronic items posted on their websites. It looks like this –



What about our teachers? What will they be doing on iLearn@home days?

Great question – and they will certainly be involved and busy on the **iLearn@home** days. Teachers will have a digital presence throughout the hours of the normal school day. So for most that means from 7:30-2:30 or 8:00-3:00, your teachers will be available by email, websites/social media, phone and/or other means. **Part of the teacher communication sent home to you (and on their website) will explain how they can be reached.** In addition, teachers will work on other professional duties like lesson planning, assessment development or grading, developing new resources and many other things. Also, some school staff will not work on **iLearn@home** days – like the bus drivers and kitchen staff – they will be working on different days in summer or when school is not in session.

What will the announcement say or look like when the iLearn@home day is declared?

It is very important to listen to the announcements on weather days. OneCall phone message will be made to all students and staff announcing the “**iLearn@Home Day.**” In addition, announcements will be placed on the district web page, BC Schools App, and the district Facebook page. It will be announced either as:

Regular Snow Day for the Barren County Schools

OR

Snow Day that will be an iLearn@home day for the Barren County Schools

Television announcement will look similar to this district's:

