

# Ridgedale Local Schools Grades K-12 Online Learning Day Plan

**2026-27**

## **Overview**

At Ridgedale Local Schools, we are committed to providing high-quality learning for all students even in situations that prevent traditional, in-person attendance. To ensure continuous learning, we have developed the **Ridgedale Online Learning Day Plan**.

Changes to Ohio's calamity day statute in the budget bill, effective October 3, 2023, have replaced "blizzard bags" with online learning days. Online learning days can be used to make up for school closures under special circumstances, allowing for up to three school days to be conducted online. The circumstances specified in law are:

- 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.

Please note that the statute does not include in the list of eligible circumstances: staffing shortages, parent-teacher conferences or professional development days.

## **Synchronous Instruction Commitment**

Ridgedale Local Schools will, to the greatest extent possible, provide **teacher-directed synchronous learning** during school closures. Teachers and students will interact **in real time** using the district-approved virtual learning platforms: **Google Classroom and Google Meet**. Daily schedules will reflect each student's typical class times and include live instruction, direct support, and small group work to maintain academic progress and personal connection.

## **Attendance and Engagement Documentation**

- **Daily attendance** will be taken during scheduled synchronous sessions.
- Students must log in and participate in scheduled Google Meet classes to be marked present.
- Teachers will track participation using:
  - Attendance logs
  - Assignment submissions

- Classroom engagement in Google Classroom or other district tools (Edulastic, Kami, etc.)
- If a student does not attend or engage:
  - The teacher will initiate contact via email or phone within 24 hours.
  - After two days of no engagement, building staff (counselor, principal, or district support team) will reach out to the student and family to offer support or address barriers.
  - Truancy or nonparticipation will be referred to the school attendance team per district policy.

### **Equitable Access and Supports for Diverse Learners**

Ridgedale Local Schools is committed to ensuring **equitable access** to instruction for all students.

- **Students with Disabilities** will receive support aligned with their IEPs or 504 Plans. Intervention Specialists will:
  - Provide small-group or 1:1 virtual support
  - Offer accommodations within digital tools
  - Collaborate with general education teachers
- **English Learners** will receive services from staff through virtual check-ins, supplemental resources, and support embedded in instructional materials.
- **Other Vulnerable Populations**, including foster youth, low-income students, and students experiencing homelessness, will receive additional outreach and support from school counselors, social workers, or intervention teams.
- All instructional materials will be designed to be accessible through multiple modes.

### **Communication Process**

When the district transitions to online learning due to closure, notification will occur within 24 hours through the following channels:

- **All Call** via district messaging system
- Email to students and families
- Website update on [www.ridgedaleschools.org](http://www.ridgedaleschools.org)
- Social media posts on the district's Facebook and Twitter/X pages
- Teachers will post classroom-specific expectations on Google Classroom

### **Teacher Contact Availability**

During the closure, all teachers will maintain regular office hours for communication via:

- **Email** (via link on website)
- **Google Classroom**
- **Google Meet (synchronous classes and scheduled check-ins)**
- **Phone calls**, if requested by family or student

Office hours will be posted in each teacher's Google Classroom and shared with families. All teachers will respond to inquiries within 24 hours during school days.

### **Technology and Internet Access Support**

To ensure all students and staff have the tools necessary for online learning:

- The district will provide a **Chromebook** to any student who needs one.
- Families without reliable internet access may:
  - Request a **hotspot** through the school
  - Request printed materials or alternate arrangements as needed
- A district Technology Help Line will be available for troubleshooting:
  - Phone: 740-382-6065 ext. 4400
  - Email: techsupport@ridgedaleschools.org
- Teachers have access to district devices and support to deliver remote instruction effectively.

### **Written Consent of Teachers' Union**

The Ridgedale Education Association (REA) has reviewed and approved the use of this online learning plan for the 2026-27 school year if needed. Written consent is attached as a signed agreement.

**Signed:**

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_

President, Ridgedale Education Association

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Superintendent