

Belton Preparatory Academy

eLearning Plan for the 2026–2027 School Year

(Up to 5 Days of Remote Learning in Case of Emergency Closures)

What Is an eLearning Day?

An eLearning Day lets students continue learning from home when school can't open due to unexpected issues—like bad weather, power outages, or water problems. These days count as regular school days and help us avoid having to make up days later in the year.

Belton Prep is approved by the South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE) to use up to five (5) eLearning Days during the school year.

When Will We Use an eLearning Day?

We'll only use an eLearning Day when we have to close school unexpectedly and it would otherwise count as a missed day. These are not pre-scheduled. If a make-up day is on the calendar and we can't be in the building, we may use eLearning for that day too.

We'll always try to let you know as early as possible—either the night before or by 6:00 AM that morning.

How Will You Know?

If we activate an eLearning Day, families and staff will be notified through:

- Our website and social media
- Class Dojo or your child's learning platform

Where Will Lessons Be?

- K–2: Teachers will post on ClassDojo and/or Google Classroom
- Grades 3–8: Assignments will be found in Google Classroom
- Special area teachers (Art, Music, PE) will also share fun, educational activities
- Lessons will be posted by 9:00 AM on the eLearning Day
- Some lessons may be live, others will be recorded for instructional hours flexibility.

How Long Should Students Work?

SC guidelines say students should spend a minimum of 200 minutes (just over 3 hours) actively learning.

At BPA, we plan for:

- **K–8 students:** 5.5 hours total of learning time (including breaks, reading, activities, etc.)
- **Middle school:** May have more structured expectations per class schedule

What If My Child Can't Get Online?

We'll do everything we can to help:

- Every student has a school device (Chromebook)
- If you need internet, hotspots may be available
- If a storm interferes with power or internet, students have 5 school days to complete their assignments without penalty
- You can also request paper packets ahead of time if needed

What Steps Can We Take to Correct Issues with LMS, Applications, and/or Devices?

Before reaching out for help, students and families can try the following:

Restart the device to refresh connections.

Check Wi-Fi settings and ensure the device is connected to the internet.

Clear browser cache if web-based applications like Google Classroom is not working.

Make sure the browser (preferably Chrome) is up to date.

Log out and back in to the LMS platform.

If these steps do not work, contact the school at 864-392-1173 for assistance.

Teacher Availability

On eLearning Days, teachers will:

- Post assignments by 9:00 AM
- Be available for questions between 9:00 AM–12:00 PM (office hours)
- Answer messages until 3:00 PM
- Reach out to students who are struggling or not completing work

How Can Students Contact Teachers on an eLearning Day?

Students can contact teachers during their designated office hours from 9:00 AM–12:00 PM. Teachers will also answer messages (email, Class Dojo, or Google Classroom) until 3:00 PM. If a student needs support, they are encouraged to reach out directly through their learning platform or email. If you are unable to contact your teacher, you may reach the school at 864-392-1173. All calls will be forwarded to administration. We will return your call between the hours of 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM.

How Is Attendance Taken?

Students are counted “present” if they:

- Log in and complete their work, **or**
- Attend any live Zoom or check-in and finish their assignments within five school days

Teachers will mark attendance in PowerSchool using a special eLearning code.

Support for All Students

We want to make sure every student can succeed on eLearning Days:

- Students with IEPs, 504s, or English Learner plans will get the accommodations they need
- Our tech team will be available by phone or email
- School non-instructional faculty will be online if students need someone to talk to

How Do We Improve?

After each eLearning Day, we:

- Talk with teachers and staff about what worked and what didn’t
- Send out quick surveys to get parent and student feedback
- Use that input to improve the process for next time

Important Note for the School Calendar

You’ll see this note on our calendar:

“Belton Preparatory Academy is an SCDE-approved eLearning district. The district may use up to five (5) eLearning Days during the 2026–2027 school year for emergency situations such as

inclement weather or utility outages. These days are not pre-scheduled but may be used when the building must close or in place of a make-up day.”

If you have questions or need help planning for eLearning Days, please don’t hesitate to reach out. We’re here to support you and your student every step of the way!

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