

# **Belton Preparatory Academy**

## **eLearning Plan for the 2025–2026 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:

- SchoolMessenger (calls, texts, emails)
- Our website and social media
- Class Dojo or your child's learning platform

### **Where Will Lessons Be?**

- K–2: Teachers will post on SeeSaw
- Grades 3–8: Assignments will be 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 or have instructions you can follow anytime that day

## **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 our the school at 864-392-1173 and our will provide additional support.

## **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 2025–2026 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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