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**Policy for Online Learning Days**

**For Grades 7-8**

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Pursuant to HB 33\*\*, St. Thomas More School will use Online Learning Days only if the number of instructional hours built into the school hours have already been used for calamity days. St. Thomas More School will notify staff, students, and parents of the intent to use an Online Learning Day via Parent Alert text and email message and the school's social media account. To ensure maximum student engagement and academic success, the following procedures are in place:

**Teacher Responsibility**

- Provide learning activities directly related to current class content.
- Monitor student engagement and participate in two-way communication

**Parent Responsibility**

- Provide a quiet, structured environment for child to work and/or complete any assigned work
- Support academic integrity by ensuring child works independently
- Monitor progress
- Ensure child stays on task and completes assignments within the school day, as access to the teacher will not be available outside of designated times as prescribed by the school

**Student Responsibility**

- Participate in your assigned tasks, including completing assigned work and attending scheduled instructional sessions/meetings, if required
- Make all interactions respectful and constructive
- Follow all guidelines in the St. Thomas More School Acceptable Use Policy.
- Meet deadlines for the submission of all assignments
- Participate in two-way communication with teacher(s), as needed

**Content and Delivery**

- Students will complete all assignments for assigned classes. Assignments will be posted on FACTS or emailed to students.
- Submission of assignments on the designated Online Learning Days will be used to determine attendance.
- Teachers will be available to assist students, answer questions, etc. via email between the hours of 9:00 - 11:00 AM and 1:00 - 2:00 PM.

**Attendance**

As with in-person instruction, parents and guardians have the legal responsibility to ensure that their child is fully participating in the educational process. When a student is unable to participate in an Online



Learning Day, parent notes/doctor notes should be submitted. It is expected that students will be available to complete assigned tasks and participate in online instruction from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM. If a student is not participating as required, the teacher will make direct contact with the parent(s)/ guardian(s) via email and/or phone.

**Special Education**

Services on a designated Online Learning Day will be addressed in collaboration with families on an individual basis.

\*\*Effective October 3, 2023, H.B 33 of the 135th General Assembly enacted changes to Ohio's calamity day statute. Schools may use Online Learning Days to make up the equivalent of up to three (3) school days via online delivery under the following allowable scenarios:

- 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.