



2024-2025
WELCOME
Guide





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Career Opportunities
RCSS Has to Offer

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864 Broad Street, Augusta, GA 30901



RCSS Central Office:
(706) 826-1000



District website
rcboe.org

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Richmond County School System



Safety Tip Line:
(706) 828-1077



Transportation Department:
(706) 796-4777

Mission:

Building a globally competitive school system that educates the whole child through teaching, learning, collaboration, and innovation.

Vision:

The Richmond County School System will provide an equitable education for all students to prepare them for life beyond the classroom.



Richmond County School System School Calendar

July '24						
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




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Jul 04	Independence Day Holiday
July 29-Aug 02	Preplanning Days
Aug 01	Elementary Open House (noon-6:00pm)
Aug 02	K-8, Magnet, Middle, High Open House (noon-6:00pm)
Aug 05	First Day of School Elementary
Aug 06	First Day of School K-8, Magnet, Middle, High School
Sep 02	Labor Day Holiday
Sep 03	PowerUp Asynchronous Learning Day
Sep 13	Fall Semester Progress Report #1
Sep 16-Oct 11	Fall Parent Conference Window
Oct 10	Student Holiday/Professional Learning Day
Oct 11	PowerUp Asynchronous Learning Day
Oct 14-15	Student/Teacher Fall Break
Nov 01	Fall Semester Progress Report #2
Nov 11	Veterans Day Holiday
Nov 25-29	Thanksgiving Holiday
Dec 16-20	Semester Exams
Dec 20	End of 1st Semester/Early Release (all grades)
Dec 23-Jan 02	Christmas/Winter Break
Jan 03	Student Holiday/Professional Learning Day
Jan 06	Beginning of Second Semester
Jan 14	Report Cards
Jan 20	Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday
Feb 13	Spring Semester Progress Report #1
Feb 14	Student Holiday/Professional Learning Day
Feb 17	Student/Teacher Holiday
Feb 18	PowerUp Asynchronous Learning Day
Feb 18-Mar 14	Spring Parent Conference Window
Mar 10	PowerUp Asynchronous Learning Day
Mar 28	Spring Semester Progress Report #2
Apr 07-14	Spring Break
Apr 18	Student/Teacher Holiday
May 19-23	Semester Exams
May 23	Last Day of School/Early Release (all grades)
May 26	Memorial Day Holiday
May 27-28	Post Planning Days
May 28-31	Graduation
May 28	Report Cards
Jun 2-27	Summer School (5 days a week)
Jun 19	Juneteenth Holiday

 Teacher Planning Days	 Early Release Days
 Holidays	 PowerUp Asynchronous Learning Days
 First Day of School	 Progress Reports
 Report Cards	

Weather-Related School Closings

For inclement weather, please tune to WJBF-TV, WAGT-TV, WRDW-TV, or WGAC Radio for up-to-date information on school closings. Also, you can view the school system's website at www.rcboe.org. In the event of inclement weather or school closure, the school system will use PowerUp Asynchronous Learning Days.

The Richmond County School System will operate 5 days a week throughout the summer.

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For up-to-date bell times see rcboe.org/schools



Add our Academic Calendar to Your Mobile Device! Scan the QR code or visit

rcboe.info/rcsscalendar.

Click "subscribe" and select the calendar version for your device (Outlook, Google, Apple, Yahoo, or Other).



RICHMOND COUNTY SCHOOL SYSTEMS SCHOOLS

For more information about our schools visit rcboe.org/schools

Elementary Schools (Pre-K - 5)

A. Dorothy Hains Elementary School

1820 Windsor Spring Road, Augusta, GA 30906 • (706) 796-4918

Barton Chapel Elementary School

2329 Barton Chapel Road, Augusta, GA 30906 • (706) 796-4955

Bayvale Elementary School

3309 Milledgeville Road, Augusta, GA 30909 • (706) 737-7255

Belair Elementary School

3925 Harper Franklin Avenue, Augusta, GA 30909 • (706) 821-2766

Blythe Elementary School

290 Church Street, Blythe, GA 30805 • (706) 592-4090

Copeland Elementary School

1440 Jackson Road, Augusta, GA 30909 • (706) 737-7228

Deer Chase Elementary School

1780 Deer Chase Lane, Hephzibah, GA 30815 • (706) 772-6240

Diamond Lakes Elementary School

4153 Windsor Spring Road, Hephzibah, GA 30815 • (706) 771-2881

Glenn Hills Elementary School

2838 Glenn Hills Drive, Augusta, GA 30906 • (706) 796-4942

Goshen Elementary School

4040 Old Waynesboro Road, Augusta, GA 30906 • (706) 796-4646

Gracewood Elementary School

2032 Tobacco Road, Augusta, GA 30906 • (706) 796-4969

Hephzibah Elementary School

2542 Highway 88, Hephzibah, GA 30815 • (706) 592-4561

Jamestown Elementary School

3637 Heirs Boulevard, Hephzibah, GA 30815 • (706) 796-4760

Jenkins-White Elementary School

800 15th Avenue, Augusta, GA 30901 • (706) 737-7266

Lake Forest Hills Elementary School

3140 Lake Forest Drive, Augusta, GA 30909 • (706) 737-7317

Lamar-Milledge Elementary School

510 Eve Street, Augusta, GA 30904 • (706) 737-7262

McBean Elementary School

1165 Hephzibah McBean Road, Hephzibah, GA 30815 • (706) 592-3723

Meadowbrook Elementary School

3630 Goldfinch Drive, Augusta, GA 30906 • (706) 796-4915

Monte Sano Elementary School

2164 Richmond Avenue, Augusta, GA 30904 • (706) 481-1813

Richmond Hill Elementary School

2160 Mura Drive, Augusta, GA 30906 • (706) 796-4940

Sue Reynolds Elementary School

3840 Wrightsboro Road, Augusta, GA 30909 • (706) 855-2540

T. Harry Garrett Elementary School

1100 Eisenhower Drive, Augusta, GA 30904 • (706) 737-7222

Tobacco Road Elementary School

2397 Tobacco Road, Augusta, GA 30906 • (706) 796-4658

W.S. Hornsby Elementary School

310 Kentucky Avenue, Augusta, GA 30901 • (706) 823-6928

Warren Road Elementary School

311 Warren Road, Augusta, GA 30907 • (706) 868-4022

Wheless Road Elementary School

2530 Wheless Road, Augusta, GA 30906 • (706) 796-4985

Wilkinson Gardens Elementary School

1925 Kratha Drive, Augusta, GA 30906 • (706) 737-7219

Middle Schools (6-8)

Belair Middle School

150 Potential Way, Augusta, GA, 30909 • (706) 796-4952

Glenn Hills Middle School

2941 Glenn Hills Drive, Augusta, GA 30906 • (706) 796-4705

Hephzibah Middle School

2427 Mims Road, Hephzibah, GA 30815 • (706) 592-4534

John M. Tutt Middle School

495 Boy Scout Road, Augusta, GA 30909 • (706) 737-7288

Murphey Middle School

1921 Eagles Way, Augusta, GA 30904 • (706) 737-7350

Pine Hill Middle School

2147 McElmurray Road, Hephzibah, GA 30815 • (706) 592-3730

Richmond Hill Middle School

3420 Julia Avenue, Augusta, GA 30906 • (706) 796-4944

W.S. Hornsby Middle School

320 Kentucky Avenue, Augusta, GA 30901 • (706) 823-6960

K-8 Schools

Freedom Park K-8 School

345 42nd Street Building 43400, Ft. Gordon, GA 30905 • (706) 796-8428

Magnet Schools

A.R. Johnson Health Science & Engineering Magnet School

1324 Laney-Walker Boulevard, Augusta, GA 30901 • (706) 823-6933

C. T. Walker Traditional Magnet School

1301 Wrightsboro Road, Augusta, GA 30901 • (706) 823-6950

John S. Davidson Fine Arts Magnet School

615 12th Street, Augusta, GA 30901 • (706) 823-6924

Richmond County Technical Career Magnet School (RCTCM)

3200B Augusta Tech Drive, Augusta, GA 30906 • (706) 823-5580

High Schools (9-12)

The Academy of Richmond County

910 Russell Street, Augusta, GA 30904 • (706) 737-7152

Cross Creek Comprehensive High School

3855 Old Waynesboro Road, Augusta, GA 30906 • (706) 772-8140

George P. Butler Comprehensive High School

2011 Lumpkin Road, Augusta, GA 30906 • (706) 796-4959

Glenn Hills Comprehensive High School

2840 Glenn Hills Drive, Augusta, GA 30906 • (706) 796-4924

Hephzibah Comprehensive High School

4558 Brothersville Road, Hephzibah, GA 30815 • (706) 592-2089

Lucy C. Laney Comprehensive High School

1339 Laney Walker Boulevard, Augusta, GA 30901 • (706) 823-6900

T.W. Josey Comprehensive High School

1701 Fifteenth Street, Augusta, GA 30901 • (706) 737-7360

Westside Comprehensive High School

1002 Patriot's Way, Augusta, GA 30907 • (706) 868-4030

Special Schools

Alternative School at Morgan Road

3635 Hiers Boulevard, Hephzibah, GA 30815 • (706) 796-4992

Cyber Academy of Excellence

3200B Augusta Tech Drive, Augusta, GA 30906 • (706) 823-5580

Marion E. Barnes Career Center

1701 15th Street, Augusta, GA 30901 • (706) 737-7360 (ext. 2997)

Performance Learning Center (PLC)

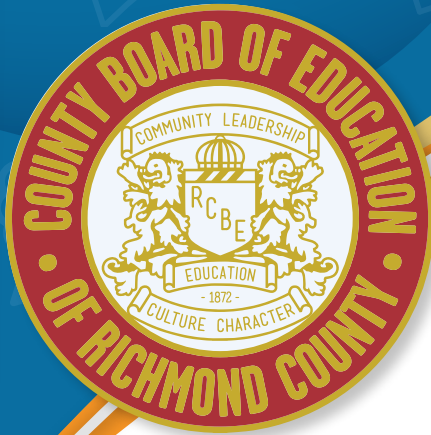
1740 Walton Way, Augusta, GA 30904 • (706) 796-4965

Reaching Potential Through Manufacturing (RPM)

2920 Mike Padgett Highway, Augusta, GA 30906
(706) 823-5690

Sand Hills Center (GNETS)

1740 Walton Way, Augusta, GA 30904 • (706) 796-7791



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President, District 7

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Vice-President, District 1

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District 2

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District 8

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District 9 (at-large)

Helen Minchew
District 10 (at-large)



Letter from Superintendent Dr. Kenneth Bradshaw

Dear Richmond County School System Families,

I want to extend you a warm welcome to the 2024-25 school year at the Richmond County School System (RCSS). As the Superintendent of Schools, I thank you for entrusting your child to us for another year of academic excellence. The first day of school starts on August 5 for elementary schools and August 6 for our K-8, magnet, middle and high schools. With Open House around the corner, I want to give you an idea of what our school system has to offer.

Our annual Welcome Guide is a written and visual tour of our school system. We proudly provide a large variety of programs and course offerings to help your child succeed. The Guide begins with essential bell schedule details and continues to cover topics such as school culture, academics, family and student resources, and more. The Guide also includes welcome video messages from leaders in our school system who talk more about our services. To watch, scan the QR codes or visit our YouTube channel at

rcboe.info/welcomevideos.

We view our relationship with parents and guardians as a partnership, working together to create an educational experience that prepares our students for a future far beyond the classroom. This school year, we look forward to collaborating with you to help our students arrive at school on time, focused, and ready for a full day of learning.

Thank you for choosing the Richmond County School System for your child's education. We hope you are as excited as we are for a new year full of new opportunities, memories, and achievements.

Sincerely,

Dr. Kenneth Bradshaw, Ed.D. Superintendent of Schools Richmond County School System

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Superintendent of Schools

Board Meeting Calendar 2024-2025

The Richmond County Board of Education (RCBOE) holds committee and regular meetings open to the public throughout the year.

Meeting agendas and a full schedule can be accessed on our website at rcboe.org/BOE. You can also find meeting information on our official social media channels.



Bell Schedules

First Tier Schools 7:25 a.m. – 2:15 p.m.

Elementary, K8 – Bayvale, Copeland, Deer Chase, Diamond Lakes, Freedom Park K-8, Garrett, Glenn Hills Elementary, Hains, Lake Forest Hills, Lamar-Milledge, Monte Sano, and Wheelless Road

High – G. P. Butler, Cross Creek, Glenn Hills High, Hephzibah High, T.W. Josey, and Westside

Second Tier Schools 8:20 a.m. – 3:10 p.m.

Elementary – Barton Chapel, Belair Elementary, Blythe, Jenkins-White, Goshen, Gracewood, Hephzibah Elementary, Jamestown, McBean, Meadowbrook, Richmond Hill Elementary, Sue Reynolds, Tobacco Road, Warren Road, W.S. Hornsby Elementary, and Wilkinson Gardens

High – Academy of Richmond County and Lucy C. Laney

Third Tier Schools 9:15 a.m. – 4:05 p.m.

Middle – Belair Middle, Glenn Hills Middle, Hephzibah Middle, Langford, Murphey, Pine Hill, Richmond Hill Middle, Tutt, and W.S. Hornsby Middle

Magnet Schools 8:30 a.m. – 3:25 p.m.

A.R. Johnson Health Science & Engineering Magnet School, C. T. Walker Traditional Magnet School, John S. Davidson Fine Arts Magnet School, Richmond County Technical Career Magnet School

Special Schools & Programs

Cyber Academy, PLC 8:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
Marion Barnes 7:25 a.m. - 2:15 p.m.
GNETS 7:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
RPM 8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Alternative School at Morgan Road 9:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.



Terri Green
Lucy C. Laney
Comprehensive High School
was named the
2023-24 RCSS
Teacher of the Year



Our number of CTAE,
Advanced Academic,
World Language, and Fine
Arts pathway completers
surpassed state rates
for graduation in those
categories.

School supply lists will be posted on your child(ren)’s school website.

Athletics

The Richmond County School System is a member of the Georgia High School Association (GHSAA). Middle and high school students can participate in teams at their zoned school. Our sports programs teach students about sportsmanship, strong morals, good behavior, and leadership. Each school provides details about tryouts and schedules for interested students.

Tickets for athletic events can be purchased at

Gofan.co/app/school/GA3256

Attendance Matters

Regular attendance at school is directly tied to academic success. Studies show that students who do not attend school regularly struggle with daily assignments. That impacts grades, grade-level promotion, graduation requirements, and workforce readiness for the future. We desire to develop a strong partnership with our parents so our students will be at school on time and prepared for an engaging day of learning.

Visit rcboe.org/codeofconduct to review our attendance policy in the Code of Student Conduct and Discipline.

Bullying Prevention and Support

Support is available for students who feel they have experienced bullying. Students and families can report the incidents to teachers and school administrators and also through an online form that sends bullying or other safety reports directly to administrators.

Visit rcboe.info/TipLine to report a bullying or harassment of any kind.

Canvas Instructional Support

Through Canvas, teachers create lessons and resources to help students better understand what they are taught in class. Parents/guardians and students should contact their teacher for Canvas access and technical support.

We offer an online orientation for parents and guardians on how to become an observer on their child(ren)'s Canvas account.

Visit rcboe.info/CanvasCourse to view the Canvas orientation for students and parents.



Scan the QR Code and learn more about our athletics programs from

Scott McClintock
Director of Athletics



**Westside High School
Boys Basketball Team
claimed Class AA
Championship for
the third year in a row.**

Career, Technical, and Agricultural Education (CTAE)

CTAE is designed for students to receive an industry-recognized credential at the end of their pathway. Career pathways combine core curriculum with technical and career skills. Richmond County School System students have more than 30 CTAE career pathways to choose from including construction, cybersecurity, and health sciences. Reach out to your school to learn which CTAE pathways are offered.

Community Partnerships (For complete list see page 18)

Augusta University Literacy Center

The Augusta University Literacy Center gives resources and support to those who may need help reading on grade level. All students and young adults connected to our school system are eligible to receive support from the Literacy Center for free. Reach out to your school to learn more or call the Augusta Literacy Center directly at **(706) 729-2245**.

Junior Achievement (JA) Discovery Center of the CSRA

The JA Discovery Center is a collaboration between our school system, JA of Georgia, and the Columbia County School District. The facility, which hosted its grand opening during the 2023-24 school year, is a space for students to learn more about financial literacy, entrepreneurship, and workplace readiness.

PINES Library Access for Youth (PLAY) Card

All students have access to every public library in the Augusta-Richmond County Public Library system thanks to the PINES Library Access for Youth (PLAY) Card program. The last five digits of every RCSS ID number acts as a library card that gives students access to thousands of books, online resources, and more.

Visit rcboe.org/LibraryCard to learn more about the PLAY Card.

Curriculum and Richmond Resources

Richmond Resources is the curriculum site for all grades in our school system. Parents and guardians can view Curriculum Maps outlining the lessons students will be taught during the school year. These guides allow parents and guardians to engage with their child(ren) about the specific topics being taught. There are also resources listed for tutoring help, enrichment, and opportunities for growth.

Visit rcboe.info/Maps to take a tour of curriculum and Richmond Resources.



Scan the QR Code and learn more about why attendance matters for student success from

Dr. Aronica Gloster
Director of Student Services



RCSS Media Specialist of the Year Hillary Murrah from Lake Forest Elementary School was named the East Georgia Regional Library Media Specialist of the Year.

English to Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) Resources

Our ESOL team provides parents and guardians of English Language Learners with resources for families. We are committed to increasing English language proficiency levels in all English learners (ELs) in the school system.

Visit rcboe.org/ESOL to contact our ESOL Program Specialist and view the services we offer to our families.

Extended Learning Opportunities

We offer opportunities for our students to continue learning outside of regular school hours through Saturday school. Parents and guardians can also engage with their children and continue learning over summer, winter, and spring breaks. We offer learning activities for all grade levels covering our core and elective subject areas.

Contact your school to learn more about Saturday school.

Visit rcboe.org/BreakResources for activities to support your child(ren)'s learning during school breaks.

Grade-Level Promotion and Graduation

Our vision is for all students to leave our school system prepared for life beyond the classroom, and graduation is an important milestone we want all students to achieve. To earn a traditional high school diploma, students must complete at least 23 academic credit hours in certain core and elective subject areas to graduate. Students can also receive an Accelerated Career Diploma through the Move On When Ready (MOWR) Alternate Graduation Program. Through the program, students can earn their diploma by earning nine academic credit hours and completing an associate degree program, a technical college program diploma, or two Technical Certificates in a specified pathway leading to industry certification.

Contact your school counselor to help chart your path to graduation.

Visit rcboe.org/GradReqs for more information on grade-level promotion and graduation requirements.

Graduation Schedule

Commencement exercises for all high schools and magnet schools are held in May. Your school will share more information about graduation throughout the school year.

The graduation schedule will be posted at rcboe.org/graduationschedule.



▶ Scan the QR Code and learn more about our English Speakers to Other Languages (ESOL) program from

Jessica Castro
ESOL Program Specialist
& George Daniels,
Instructional Coach



**Graduation
Class of 2025
May 28-31, 2025**

GreatSchools Newsletter

We team up with GreatSchools.org to share helpful resources with parents and guardians through weekly and monthly newsletters. The GreatSchools Newsletter is emailed directly to parents and guardians.

To receive the newsletter and other important communication, please check that your email address is up-to-date in ParentPortal (see "Infinite Campus ParentPortal").

Health and Wellness

Our school system works with the Pediatric Clinic at the Medical College of Georgia to provide free pediatric health clinics throughout the school year for students who are uninsured or fall into the 200% below the poverty line. Our health services team will provide more information to schools as opportunities arise in the fall and spring semesters.

Immunizations

To attend our schools and help stop the spread of diseases, all students must have an updated immunization form called the GA Form 3231 Certificate of Immunization. Immunization forms are accessible through your local Georgia Department of Public Health office, which also offers vaccines at a reasonable cost.

Visit rcboe.org/medicalforms to learn more about health requirements for registration.

Student Medications

Whenever possible, student medications should be given at home or before school starts. If your child(ren) must take a prescribed medication at school, an Administration of Medication Form must be completed by the prescribing physician. A single form must be submitted for each prescribed medication. If there are any changes to the dose, strength, or time of day to take a medication, please submit a new Administration of Medication Form to your child(ren)'s school. For over-the-counter medication, parents and guardians should bring an Administration of Medication form that is only signed by a parent/guardian. No doctor's signature is required.

Visit rcboe.org/healthservices to learn more about student medication guidelines.



Scan the QR Code and learn more about health and medications in our schools from

Tina Wisniewski
School Nurse Supervisor



C.T. Walker Traditional Magnet School was named a Literacy Leader by State Superintendent Richard Woods.



Scan the QR Code and learn more about our nutrition programs from

Cathy Johnson
Director of School Nutrition



Jordan Howard
A.R. Johnson Health Science & Engineering Magnet School



Patrice Neely
John S. Davidson Fine Arts Magnet School

Were selected for the national Disney Dreamers Program.

Homeless Services

We support students who experience homelessness through the McKinney-Vento Education for Homeless Children and Youth program. Our school system has a homeless liaison and a registered social worker who ensures that children and youth in transition can access the educational and other services they need to succeed inside and outside the classroom.

Visit rcboe.org/Transition to learn more about homeless services.

House Bill 251

Families may request a transfer to another school in our school system through House Bill 251 if the receiving school has capacity.

Application Windows to Request School Choice through House Bill 251:

November 1, 2024 – May 1, 2025

July 1 – August 15, 2025

Visit rcboe.org/HB251 to learn more about transferring schools through House Bill 251.

Infinite Campus ParentPortal

The Infinite Campus ParentPortal is a tool that families can use to keep track of their child(ren)'s daily school activities. Parents and guardians can use one account together or create separate ones.

Families can use ParentPortal to review:

- Report cards
- Attendance records
- Class schedules
- Daily grades
- Important messages from school officials
- Behavior notes

Visit rcboe.org/parentportal to learn how to set up and update your account.

Kindergarten

Kindergarten is a great chance for young students to spend a full day at school and learn important social and academic skills for success in first grade. Our kindergarten program is open to students who turn five years old by **September 1**.

Nutrition and School Meals

RCSS Nutrition Services provides breakfast, lunch, and after-school snack programs. We also provide breakfast in the classroom, second-chance breakfast, and grab-and-go carts at select schools. Breakfast and lunch is provided daily at no cost to all students. Reach out to your school to learn more.

Visit rcboe.org/Menus for the weekly breakfast and lunch menus.

Parent and Family Engagement Rooms

We provide two resource rooms equipped with computers, internet access, and printing services for our families to use year-round. They offer a variety of resources for students and families. Inside, you will find a range of helpful materials for students from elementary to secondary grades.

Resource rooms are open from **8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.**, Monday through Friday. Hours of operation may be affected by holidays and other events.

Geneva Stallings Parent Resource Room

1740 Walton Way, Augusta 30904

Richmond County Board of Education Resource Room

864 Broad Street, Augusta 30901

Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS)

Our Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) staff work to provide multiple layers of support for students who may have social, emotional, and behavioral issues that affect learning. The PBIS approach uses evidence and data to reduce behavior problems, make schools feel safer, and help students excel in their classes.

PowerUp Asynchronous Learning Days

Our educators integrate technology into daily learning through interactive white boards, computer and media labs, educational software, and robotics and STEM kits. Students also have access to personal devices like Chromebooks to complete classroom and home assignments. We encourage parents and guardians to take the PowerUp for Parents Course at the beginning of the school year. The course includes resources to support your child(ren) using devices responsibly. Students should contact their schools for login assistance or technical support.

Visit rcboe.org/powerup for more information about Power-Up technology.

Our academic calendar includes a PowerUp Asynchronous Learning Day in the fall and spring semesters. These days count for attendance and allow students to work on projects and assignments at home, complete credit and grade recovery work, or study for upcoming tests.

A full schedule of PowerUp Asynchronous Learning dates can be seen on the 2024-25 academic calendar at rcboe.info/24-25Calendar.



Scan the QR Code and learn more about PowerUp technology and asynchronous days from

Dr. Malinda Cobb
Associate Superintendent
of Academic Services



**Eight schools were named
2024 Georgia Advanced
Placement (AP) Honor
Schools by the Georgia
Department of Education.**



Scan the QR Code and learn more about school safety from

Chief Mantrell Wilson
Director of Public Safety,
RCSS Police



John S. Davidson
Fine Arts Magnet School

**A.R. Johnson Health
Science and Engineering
Magnet School,**

**Richmond County Technical
Career Magnet School**

**C.T. Walker Traditional
Magnet School**

**Topped state and national
rankings in the 2023 U.S.
News and World Report.**

Pre-K Program

Our Pre-K program includes a full day of instruction that helps our youngest students learn early social and academic skills. Children who will be four years old by September 1 are eligible for our Pre-K program. Applications for Pre-K slots are accepted each spring. Families who are placed in the program will be notified via email.

Important Dates:

March 1-April 15 Pre-K lottery application window

Visit rcboe.org/prekregistration to learn more about our Pre-K program.

Programming and Competitions

Students have the chance to join many different academic competitions throughout the school year like the spelling bee, Helen Ruffin Reading Bowl, math competition, and more. Some events may lead to regional, state, or national competitions. Your school will provide information on how to participate.

Visit rcboe.org/competitionguide to view our programming and competitions guide.

Richmond County Success Center

We offer a full scale of services to help support the basic needs of students through the Richmond County Success Center. The one-stop shop includes a food pantry, a clothing boutique, behavioral health referrals, and more throughout the school year.

Visit rcboe.org/SuccessCenter to learn more about the Richmond County Success Center.

School Choice

Many of our schools offer programs like the International Baccalaureate (IB) Program and trades, cybersecurity, robotics, and art classes. Reach out to your school to learn more. There are also several magnet schools with different themes in our school system. Families can apply for School Choice at two different times of the year.

Important Dates:

November 1, 2024 - January 6, 2025

Fall/Winter School Choice application window.

April 1 - May 1, 2025

Spring School Choice application window.

Visit rcboe.org/Choice to learn more about School Choice.

School Climate

When student behavior disrupts our safe and positive learning environments, those violations are addressed through the process outlined in the Code of Student Conduct and Discipline. Due to the seriousness of some incidents, tribunal hearings are held to determine the student's continued status for that school year.

At the beginning of each school year, each student is issued a Code of Student Conduct and Discipline. We encourage our parents and guardians to review the book with your child(ren) to learn more.

Visit rcboe.org/SchoolClimate to download and review the Code of Student Conduct and Discipline with your child(ren).

School Fees MySchoolBucks

Parents and guardians can use MySchoolBucks to pay school fees online and place money on your child(ren)'s meal account for à la carte purchases. MySchoolBucks notifies you when payments are due and allows you make payments from anywhere. Create a free account to pay for your child(ren)'s school fees on the web or through the mobile app.

Get Started Today:

1. Visit myschoolbucks.com or download the "MSB Parent, USA" mobile app on the Apple App Store or Google Play Store.
2. Create your free account and add your child(ren)'s name(s) using their school name/student ID.
3. Add school items or invoices to your cart.
4. Check out using your credit/debit card or electronic check (A program fee may apply).

School Safety

The RCSS Police Department assigns school resource officers to schools to maintain a safe and disruption-free environment for students, educators, and staff. Our school resource officers are law enforcement professionals who successfully complete additional training to work in public schools and engage with students and parents to develop positive relationships.

Families or students who have safety concerns should report them to the school or call our Safety Tip Line at **(706) 828-1077**.



**Hannan Zhou and
Katelyn Scoggins,**
John S. Davidson Fine
Arts Magnet School

Rafael Geraldo,
A.R. Johnson Health
Science and Engineering
Magnet School
**were named finalists
in the 2025 National
Merit Scholarship
program.**



**Eight finalists and
three alternates
were selected for the
2024 Governor's
Honors Program.**



Students across the school system improved Georgia Milestones test scores in subjects like **Math, English Language Arts, Algebra I, and U.S. History** during the 2023-2024 school year.

Special Education

Our Special Education team works with families, students, teachers, and community members to support the development of our exceptional students academically, socially, and emotionally.

If you have any questions regarding your child's Individualized Education Plan (IEP), please contact your child(ren)'s school or the Special Education office at **(706) 826-1132**.

Standardized Testing

i-Ready Diagnostic: An online test that K-8th grade students take.

We use the test results to see how well our students are doing, create personalized learning to fit their needs, keep track of their progress, and plan how we can help them improve in math and English Language Arts (ELA).

NWEA MAP Growth: An online test given to grades 9-12 that measures student growth and achievement levels in ELA and math. The diagnostic measures what students know and what they are ready to learn next.

Content Mastery Assessments (CMAs): An online test given to grades 3-12 that provide an overview of student mastery of standards being taught in the classroom.

Georgia Milestones Assessment System (GMAS): End-of-course and end-of-grade assessments that measure how well students have learned state content standards. Grades 3-8 are tested in ELA and math, grades 5 and 8 are tested in science, grade 8 is tested in social studies, and there are end-of-course measures for specified high school courses.

Student Device Insurance

Families can purchase optional insurance for their child(ren)'s devices for \$29. If insurance is not purchased, parents and guardians are responsible for the full cost of repairs and/or damage that may happen to their child(ren)'s device.

Visit schooldevicecoverage.com to learn more about optional insurance.

The Basics

The Basics program is designed for parents with children ages birth to 5-years-old to support vibrant learning and brain development among infants and toddlers. By signing up for the program, parents and guardians will receive guiding literature on how to help their child reach their full potential.



Tamara Dent of Warren Road Elementary School was named 2023-2024 Nurse of the Year.

Transportation

Before school starts, please check that your address, phone number, and email are correct in ParentPortal.

For more information about RCSS Transportation, visit rcboe.org/StopFinder or call **(706) 796-4777**.

School Bus Routes and Schedules

Our school buses have route numbers on both sides of the bus.

For bus stop locations, times, and route numbers, visit rcboe.info/RideTheBus. You can also get this information during Open House at your child(ren)'s school.

Visit rcboe.org/StopFinderRCSS for instructions on downloading the app on the Apple App Store or Google Play Store.

School Bus Safety

Two times a year, our Bus Safety team visits all schools. They show students the right way to wait for a bus, get on and off it safely, and what to do in an emergency.

Visit rcboe.org/bussafety to review bus safety tips with your child(ren).

Volunteer with the Richmond County School System

Our schools offer opportunities for parents, guardians, and community member to support education and extra-curricular activities.

Contact your child(ren)'s school to learn more about volunteering opportunities. You can also fill out our interest form at rcboe.info/engage to learn more about volunteering and community engagement opportunities throughout the school system.

Work-Based Learning (WBL) and Youth Apprenticeship

Many of our schools offer programs that combine classroom learning with productive, structured work experiences to help high school students pursue their career goals. Reach out to your school to learn more about program offerings and requirements.



Scan the QR Code and learn more about school transportation from

Tracie Patterson
Director of Transportation



Eight middle school students were named Georgia REACH Scholars.

Community Partners

RICHMOND COUNTY SCHOOL SYSTEM

A special thanks to our Commnity Partners for their ongoing partnership in educating our students in our community.

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Open House Dates

Elementary Schools

August 1, Noon – 6 p.m.

Middle Schools, High Schools, Magnet Schools

August 2, Noon – 6 p.m.



First Day of School

First Day of School - Elementary

August 5

First Day of School - K-8, Middle, High,
Magnet Schools

August 6

Registration Information

Early Registration - **July 17 - 26**

On Site Registration Opens - **July 31**

Registration during
Open House - **August 1 & 2**

Visit rcboe.org/Registration for more information