



SCHEDULE:

7:25am - Tardy Bell Rings
11:35am-12:05pm - Lunch
12:05pm-12:25pm - Recess
1:00pm-1:50pm - Connections
2:00 - Dismissal starts

4TH GRADE TEACHERS:

Your child will start their day with their homeroom teacher, then rotate to each 4th grade teacher for the content areas.

- Ms. Latrecia Abero: Math - aberola@boe.richmond.k12.ga.us
- Ms. Sydney Hastings: ELA - hastisy@boe.richmond.k12.ga.us
- Ms. Shonta Nelson: Science & Social Studies - nelsoshl@boe.richmond.k12.ga.us

COMMUNICATION:

The best way to reach us is via Class Dojo! We will use Class Dojo to share important dates, information, and documents. We will also send out a weekly newsletter via Class Dojo.

ATTENDANCE:

You can notify us via ClassDojo about an absence, but a physical note MUST be sent in to the school in order for the absence to be excused. The note must include the student's full name, reason for absence, date(s) of absence, and parent/guardian signature. Parents are allowed 5 Parent Excused absences per school year. After the five are used, then a doctor's note or other official documentation must be sent in or the absence will be unexcused.

In order to comply with district regulations and state law, when a student has 10 unexcused absences in one month or ten unexcused absences in one year, Richmond County administrators will petition the Juvenile Court System to seek mandatory attendance by a student.

Students are not allowed on campus prior to 6:50 a.m. Any student reporting to the classroom after 7:25 a.m. is tardy. A parent must sign in tardy students.

AFTERNOON TRANSPORTATION:

If your child's afternoon transportation changes and you know ahead of time, you MUST send in a WRITTEN note. If it is an emergency change of transportation, then you must email all front office staff, and they will notify us of the change. Transportation changes will NOT be accepted via ClassDojo. For emergency transportation change, please send your email to the following addresses: burgeam@boe.richmond.k12.ga.us, mulleka@boe.richmond.k12.ga.us, jonesto@boe.richmond.k12.ga.us, and henslco@boe.richmond.k12.ga.us

If you have multiple children with the same transportation change, please include all children's names and grade levels in your email.

GRADING:

Grades 4 and up are percentage-based grades. The fourth-grade teachers will send home graded student work every 2 weeks. Please review the work, then sign and return ALL papers so we can keep them on file.

You can also see your child's grades via the Parent Portal on Infinite Campus. You can find information about creating and accessing an account on the RCBOE website.

MOOSE NOTEBOOK:

Students in fourth-grade will use a MOOSE Notebook. This is their binder that they will bring to school daily. MOOSE stands for Management of Organizational Skills Everyday. The MOOSE Notebook will be divided into subject sections and will be used to organize and keep important classwork, papers, homework, and other documents. Please check your child's MOOSE Notebook frequently.

TECHNOLOGY:

Freedom Park is a 1:1 technology school and each student will receive a Richmond County laptop to use for the school year.

Parents have the option for their child to take their laptop home. If you want your child to bring their laptop home, we must have a signed permission form from you. If your child takes their laptop home, they must bring it back to school charged. **After the 3rd time of a laptop coming back to school uncharged or the laptop is left at home, the laptop will no longer be allowed to go home.**

SCHOOL NUTRITION:

Breakfast is free for all students at Freedom Park. Fourth-grade lunch time is 11:35am-12:05pm. Students may also bring one snack to have at the end of the day.

BULLYING:

Bullying behavior is defined as any pattern of written or verbal expression or any physical act or gesture that is intended to ridicule, humiliate, intimidate, or cause measurable physical or emotional distress upon one or more students.

A third instance of bullying in a school year would require that the student be assigned to an alternative educational setting. However, the principal or other appropriate designee may recommend the Alternative Center or suspension, in her discretion prior to the third offense. For PRE-K-5 REFER TO RULES 23 AND 24 (RCBOE CODE OF CONDUCT)

If you believe your child is being bullied, please notify the homeroom teacher. Also, there is a digital Bullying or Harassment Parent Form located on the RCBOE website that you can fill out - once you submit the form, it will go directly to administration.

GMAS TESTING:

All fourth-grade students will take the Georgia Milestones Assessment at the end of the school year. They will be tested in the areas of Math and ELA.

**IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS, PLEASE REACH OUT TO US
ON CLASS DOJO.**

WE LOOK FORWARD TO A WONDERFUL SCHOOL YEAR!!