BACK TO SCHOOL

POWER UP RICHMOND COUNTY SCHOOLS

2022-23 WELCOME GUIDE

Get Connected

Richmond County School System

A MESSAGE
from Dr. Kenneth Bradshaw,
Superintendent of Schools

Welcome to the 2022-2023 school year! Our entire team is excited for what promises to be a year of growth and opportunities. Our school system is using new strategies to make sure that our families can better connect with our schools and teachers. We have updated our grading practices to give our teachers and students additional time with resources to advance student learning. We have made investments to give our children and teachers the technology tools to help them with assignments. Our teachers have committed to use new classroom processes to better align the material our children need to learn. This is an exciting time to be part of our school system!

Sometimes, it can be difficult for our children to arrive at school ready to learn. To support these children and their families, we have strengthened our social emotional learning programs and wrap-around services. Our vision is to make sure that our children have easy access to the resources they need to succeed. Classroom success is a true partnership between the school, home and the community. We need your support and your involvement to achieve that vision.

I want you to know that we take the safety of our students and staff seriously. We are reviewing and enforcing the Code of Student Conduct and Discipline and have high expectations for student behavior. We are fully committed to preserve the classroom as a place for learning. We are implementing a new safety resource, Centegix CrisisAlert, that will enable any staff member in a school to secure the premises and call for help easily in an emergency. The system has been adopted successfully by school systems across the country and helps schools respond to medical and public safety incidents quickly.

Please use this guide as a resource to provide helpful information as you prepare your family for the upcoming school year. If you need additional information or have specific questions, please reach out to your school. Thank you for your support of our students, teachers, schools and school system!

Let's have a wonderful school year!

Sincerely,

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SEE YOU IN CLASS!

OPEN HOUSE DATES

Elementary and K-8
August 2
Noon-6 P.M.
Middle and High School
August 3
Noon-6 P.M.

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

August 4
Elementary Schools

August 8
K-8 Schools, Middle Schools, High Schools,
Magnet Schools, eSchool

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Register in-person through August 1, 2022 8:30AM-3:30PM
Register online 24/7 at rcboe.org/registration.

Enrollment Guidelines
Pre-K: Child must be four years old on or before September 1
Kindergarten: Child must be five years old on or before September 1
First Grade: Child must be six years on or before September 1

WHAT'S NEW?

- Middle and High School students have new math and english language arts textbooks this year.

- Our attendance policy will be enforced as written in the Code of Student Conduct and Discipline for excused and unexcused absences.

- We have updated our grading practices and have two semester grading periods during the school year. This year, your family will receive two progress reports during the semester followed by the report card at the end of the semester.

- The Code of Conduct of Student Discipline is being carefully reviewed with our students to reinforce the importance of school safety. Encourage your child to report any safety concerns to their teacher or school office. The school system TipLine is avaliable at 706-828-1077.

- For the 2022-2023 school year, Richmond County School System students in eligible schools will receive free lunch through the Community Eligibility Provision. Families with children attending Davidson Fine Arts Magnet School, Freedom Park K-8 School, and C.T. Walker Magnet School are requested to complete the Free and Reduced Lunch Application.

- Two PowerUp Asynchronous Learning Days per semester.

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CHECKLIST

You can make sure everyone is prepared and ready for the start of school by following the steps below.

☐ **Enroll in and update your contact information in Parent Portal**

Reach our to your local school or visit **www.rcboe.org/parentportal** for support on signing up.

☐ **Practice New Routines**

Practicing routines like getting up and getting dressed on time, eating on a regular schedule, evening work/ reading time and nighttime routines for rest help make sure your child is ready when school starts!

☐ **Check School Start/End Times**

Our school start times have changed for the 2022-23 school year. Verify your school start time at **rcboe.org/backtoschool**.

☐ **Find Your Bus Stop**

We have updated bus routes. Check to verify your bus stop location during open house or online at **rcboe.info/FindYourBusStop**.

OUR COMMITMENT TO SAFETY

We want all our students to learn in a safe environment, which is why Richmond County Schools are taking steps to keep our children safe.

CAMPUS SAFETY

We are installing Centegix CrisisAlert systems in all our schools to make it easy for our staff to secure our buildings and to call for help when they need it.

GUIDANCE FROM HEALTH OFFICIALS

RCSS will continue our partnership with the Georgia Department of Public Health for best practices in COVID-19 response. We are promoting student and staff hand washing and hygiene to keep everyone safe.

A DAY ON CAMPUS

TRANSPORTATION

School bus transportation to and from school is available. Verify your bus stop at **rcboe.info/FindYourBusStop**. For questions about transportation, call the transportation hotline at (706) 796-4777.

LUNCH/MEALS

Breakfast will be provided to students in the morning and lunch will be served in the cafeteria. Parents can use MySchoolBucks to pay for school meals or to provide funds for a la carte purchases at **rcboe.info/schoolbucks**.

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS

Schools may offer high quality, safe, and supervised academic, enrichment, and recreation programs from the end of the school day until 6 p.m. Programs will offer in-person enrichment activities in four areas of engagement with opportunities for students to learn and thrive physically and mentally, focusing on academic, physical, creative, and social and emotional learning. For more information on how to participate, please call your school.

ATHLETICS

Our student athletes learn the skills they need to succeed in the classroom and in their sports. We follow Georgia High School Association policies for athletic programs. Check with your school for details.

Last year, our PowerUp initiative delivered a technology device to all of our students.

DEVICE CARE

1
GENERAL TIPS FOR YOUR DEVICE
The device should be stored in its case. Never pile things on top because damage may occur. Only use a lint-free microfiber or soft cotton cloth to clean your computer screen.

2
CARE IN THE CLASSROOM
Always follow directions given by your teacher about using your device. Keep the device in the center of the desk - not on the edge. Secure the device before standing up.

3
CARE AT HOME
Keep your device and charging cord away from pets, extreme heat or cold, food, drinks and small children. Designate a safe location where your device can be stored and charged.

4
USING YOUR DEVICE RESPONSIBILY
Your device is intended for school work ONLY. Use of the device must be consistent with the educational objective of the Richmond County School System.

5
LOGIN INFORMATION SHOULD BE PROTECTED
Protect your username, password and personal information. You are responsible for all content found on your device.

6
AVOID INAPPROPRIATE OR UNSAFE CONTENT
Your device is school property and is being monitored. School personnel have the right to inspect it and your files or electronic communications at any time.

DEVICE COST & INSURANCE

- **Damage** = $25 for Laptop; $50 for iPad (cracked screen, jammed keys, etc.)
- **Lost or Stolen** = replacement cost unless optional insurance was purchased.
- **Charging Cable replacement** = $49
- **Optional Insurance:** Available annually
    Cost for laptop insurance = $15.99
    Cost for iPad insurance = $8.64
    Cost for Chromebook insurance = $8.82

Insurance covers theft/burglary/robbery, fire, power surge, vandalism, and natural disasters, but does not cover damage.

DID YOU KNOW?

G.P. Butler High School, Davidson Fine Arts Magnet School, A.R. Johnson Magnet School, Lucy C. Laney High School, T.W. Josey High School, Westside High School, and the Academy of Richmond County were named AP Honor Schools by Georgia Department of Education.

- A Junior Achievement Discovery Center will open in Fall 2023 to serve 15,000 middle school students in the CSRA.

- Tobacco Road Elementary and Hornsby Middle Schools placed third in the 2022 East Region Helen Ruffin Reading Bowl.

- Cross Creek High School Razorbacks Basketball Team won the Class 3A Championship.

26 Glenn Hills High School class of 2022 graduates received scholarships from Paine College totaling $416,776.

- Hephzibah High School Band received a $10,000 donation from Jefferson Energy Cooperative.

- Davidson Fine Arts Magnet School Women and Men swim team won the Richmond County Championship.

Westside High School Patriots Basketball Team won the Class 2A Championship.

RECOGNITION HIGHLIGHTS

OUR STUDENTS

- Carla Burroughs was named the College Board National Recognition Program Scholar.

Treasure Allen-Travis, Maria Salas-Murillo, Joseph Horvath, and Khalia Smith were named REACH Georgia scholars which includes a $10,000 scholarship to a HOPE-eligible Georgia institution.

- Willie Cashin and Jene Ramnarine were selected to participate on the 2021-22 Student Advisory Council for State School Superintendent Richard Woods.

OUR EMPLOYEES

- Lori Hoover, Media Specialist at Hephzibah High School, won the 2022 East Georgia Region Library Media Specialist of the Year.

- Glenn Hills High School teacher, Donny Carswell, received a $10,000 donation from the DonorsChoose and appeared on Good Morning America.

Our school system Teacher of the Year, Vicki R. Knox, was selected as a top 10 finalist for Georgia Teacher of the Year.

CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

Aug 04, 2022	First day of School for Elementary
Aug 08, 2022	First day of School for K-8, Middle, High Schools
Sept 06, 2022	PowerUp Asynchronous Learning Day
Sept 16, 2022	Fall Sememster Progress Report #1
Oct 07, 2022	PowerUp Asynchronous Learning Day
Dec 15-20, 2022	Semester Exams
Dec 20, 2023	End of 1st Semester/Early Release (All Grades)
Jan 05, 2023	Beginning of Second Semester
Feb 16, 2023	Spring Semester Progress Report #1
Feb 21, 2023	PowerUp Asynchronous Learning Day
Mar 14, 2023	PowerUp Asynchronous Learning Day
Mar 30, 2023	Spring Semester Progress Report #2
May 24, 2023	Last Day of School/Early Release (All Grades)

PARENT PORTAL

Our school system and schools use the information in Parent Portal to send email, phone calls and text messages to families. Information from the Parent Portal is used to communicate updates in student and school status and provide emergency notifications. Parent Portal also allows you to review your child's schedule, attendance and report card.

rcboe.org/parentportal

REGISTRATION CENTRAL

If your child is attending a Richmond County school for the first time, welcome! Our school system has an easy, secure, online system for families to register children. Students new to Richmond County Schools, including transfers from in-state and out-of-state schools should complete the online registration first. If you would prefer to register in-person, please call your child's school to schedule an appointment. Locate your zoned school at **rcboe.info/FindYourBusStop**.

rcboe.org/registration

SUCCESS CENTER

We are care about our students and our parents. We have established the Success Center to provide resources and referrals to our families that need additional support. Food items, clothing, laundry facilities, and computers are available at no cost. Families are also eligible for behavioral health services through our partnerships with local providers.

rcboe.org/successcenter

www.rcboe.org

Follow us!

SEE YOU SOON

Jot down your notes and questions here!

Apply Now!

We're hiring for all positions!