

Academy of Richmond County – Frequently Asked Questions

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- **I need technology and WiFi access for Summer School?** If your child is registered for summer school and you are in need of technology please visit the ARC campus summer school technology drive through pickup Monday, May 18th through Thursday, May 28th. from 10am – 1pm. Only students registered for summer school with proper ID will be able to checkout a laptop and a WiFi device. Summer school students may return items, such as textbooks, during this time as well. Enter on Musketeer Way and turn right and follow the road around to the Walton Way side of the gym for summer school technology pickup.
- **How do I request that my child take summer school?** Information about summer school, including the option to register can be found here - <https://www.rcboe.org/Page/30578>
- **What is the plan for students to return and pickup items to close out the school year?** Drive-Through Return to Campus (Save the Date). A drive-through return to campus for students to pick up items left behind, return items and take care of necessary business to close out the school year has been scheduled for May 26th, 27th, and 28th.
The Walton Way entrance will be closed. All cars should enter through Musketeer Way off Baker Avenue.
May 26th – Juniors and Seniors may report between 9am and 2pm to pickup and return items
May 27th – Freshman and Sophomores may report between 9am and 2pm to pickup and return items
May 28th – This is a makeup date for those who were unable to make their classes scheduled time. Pickup and return on the 28th will be from 10am – 1pm.
- **When and where is Virtual Honors Day?** ARC's Virtual Honors Day Presentation will be available on Monday, May 18th at 7:00pm through our YouTube page. The link will be posted on the ARC webpage and all ARC social media pages.
- **Has graduation been rescheduled?** Yes! The Richmond County School System has decided that 2020 graduations will now be held in July at James Brown Arena in the interest of public health and in accordance with state mandates. Graduation was originally scheduled for the end of May. Graduates will receive a set number of tickets for family and friends to attend, with the exact number to be announced later. The updated graduation schedule for ARC is as follows:
Wednesday, July 22nd @ 6:00pm.
- **When can I get my child's diploma?** Following protocol from past years, Diplomas will be issued following the graduation ceremony scheduled for Wednesday, July 22nd @ 6:00pm. As we get closer to that date counselors will coordinate with students who may not be present for graduation ceremonies.
- **When can Juniors take Senior Pictures?** This event will be rescheduled once we have been cleared to reschedule these types of events.
- **I need a DDS form so my child can get their license?** As of May 10th, Students are able to use their most recent progress report or report card for proof of enrollment. HOWEVER, currently DDS is providing limited driver services BY APPOINTMENT ONLY to Commercial Drivers, First Responders, Georgia drivers unable to conduct transactions online, and Drivers that recently

moved to Georgia from another state. Please continue to check the DDS website for updates.
<https://dds.georgia.gov/>

- **How do I request my transcript?** Click here for information on requesting a transcript.
<https://www.rcboe.org/Page/36498>
- **When will my child's teacher reach out about his/her grade?** May 22nd – Final grades will be pushed to transcripts. Report cards will be printed and prepped for mailing.
May 28th – Report cards, fine notices and a letter from the principal will be mailed to every student.
- **Yearbook distribution?** A plan will be in place for when we are allowed to return to the building.
- **I have a question about course selection for the 2020-21 school year?** Students should reach out to their grade level counselor for any questions about course selection for the 2020-21 school year. Contact information can be found here - <https://www.rcboe.org/Domain/2194>
- **Where do I find the most current information about registration for the 2020-21 school year?** Information on registration can be found at the districts registration central website - <https://www.rcboe.org/domain/9228>
- **Can my child be accepted to a University System of Georgia school without a SAT/ACT score?** Yes, the chancellor of the University System of Georgia has approved a temporary adjustment to their admissions criteria that allows institutions to approve students for admission if they do not have ACT or SAT scores.
- **I am taking an Edgenuity course, do I need a teacher to unlock tests and quizzes?** No, During Distance Learning Days and through May 22nd, students' Edgenuity courses will be set to Automatic Progression so they are able to continue earning credit. Students will be able to complete their assignments and assessments (quizzes/test/exams) at home. They do not have to be in the presence of a teacher.
- **What percentage of an Edgenuity course needs to be finished to be considered complete?** A student must have finished at least 70% of an Edgenuity course with a grade of 70% or above before May 22nd for a course to be considered complete. This includes courses that were started BEFORE the closure of ARC.
- **I missed the Jostens delivery before Spring Break, what do I do now?** You should email the local Jostens office at georgiacampusservices@jostens.com.
- **Has Prom and Honors night been cancelled?** Given the changing nature of COVID-19 and the recommendations of public health officials to limit gatherings, all remaining Richmond County School System Proms and Honors nights have been cancelled.
- **Are there plans in place to hold Prom or Honors night when/if we return?** This will depend on if/when we are allowed to return. We will make decisions in step with the district in regards to any rescheduling of cancelled events and gatherings.
- **What is the last day of distance learning?** The last day of distance learning will be May 8, 2020. No additional distance learning assignments will be given to students after May 8. Teachers will accept work completed during distance learning through May 22, 2020.
- **How will my child's grade be calculated?** Teachers will give students a choice to accept their grades as of March 19th as their final grades for 2019-2020 or to continue to earn grades for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year to improve their grade(s). Teachers will consider work completed during distance learning if the work improves a student's final course average.

- **What about Final Exams?** Students will not take final exams for high school courses; therefore, final exams will not be counted in the final course average.
- **I am a Senior, do I still need 23 credits to graduate?** Graduating seniors must earn the required 23 credits in order to graduate. Students will not be penalized for circumstances beyond their control due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- **I am a dual enrollment student, what now?** Dual enrollment credits are awarded by the University System of Georgia or other participating colleges. Students who complete Dual Enrollment course requirements will receive credit, as determined by their college or university.
- **I am an AP student and I want to take the exam for college credit - can I?** Yes, Advanced Placement (AP) students who wish to take the AP exams for college credit will do so virtually following the guidelines from the College Board. AP exams are scored by the College Board and are not calculated into the student's course average. You can reach out to Ms. Thompson with any questions you may have – thompca1@boe.richmond.k12.ga.us
- **Who do I contact about my child's academic progress?** The teacher is the first point of contact for concerns regarding your child's academic work.
- **What days can I pick-up meals?** Beginning April 20, 2020, our meal distribution program will shift to a Monday, Wednesday and Friday distribution schedule and continue through May 22, 2020. Meals for Tuesday and Thursday will be provided during the prior distribution day.
- **How do I go about getting a refund for a cancelled event or dues like Senior Dues?** Refunds can be picked up at the scheduled dates and times for your child to return to school the week of May 26th.
- **Graduation cords, when will those be distributed?** Graduation Cords will be picked up at the scheduled dates and times for your child to return to school the week of May 26th.
- **When can we return textbooks/uniforms/laptops/etc...?** These items can be returned at the scheduled dates and times for your child to return to school the week of May 26th.
- **Have End of Pathway Assessments (EOPA) been cancelled?** Yes.