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NEWSIMPORTANT DATES &  
REMINDERS

## ★ PROGRESS REPORT #1

- Fall Semester Progress Report #1 released September 15th

★ LABOR DAY  **NO SCHOOL**

- September 4th

## ★ POWERUP LEARNING DAY

- September 5th is an PowerUp Asynchronous Learning Day - students should receive their assignments from their teachers

★ PICTURE DAY 

- Underclassmen & Staff Make up Picture Day: September 18th
- Final Senior Portrait Make Up Day: October 2nd
- IB Senior Make Up Portrait Sign Up QR Code

Senior Portrait Make Up  
Appointment Sign up Sheet

## ★ YEARBOOKS!!!

- Early Bird Pricing for both book sales and senior ad sales are now available. All yearbook orders are placed through the Jostens website.

COORDINATOR'S  
CORNER

Dear ARC Family,

My inaugural month as the IB Coordinator has been successfully navigated, marking the conclusion of an intense period of learning and adaptation. Throughout this month, I've delved into various aspects of this role, steadily discovering its nuances and intricacies.

Undoubtedly, the highlight of these new responsibilities has been engaging with our students regarding their aspirations and collaboratively crafting pathways to realize their ambitions. This dialogue, centered on their futures, has ignited a profound sense of purpose for me.

Concurrently, the question that resonates most frequently in these conversations is, "Do I miss the classroom?" Undeniably, my identity was deeply intertwined with my role as a classroom educator for a significant phase of my life, so there's a persistent longing for that environment. Yet, this juncture signifies a pivot in my passion—expanding my influence to encompass a broader student community.

In the lead-up to this phase, I candidly shared some of my personal objectives with our teaching faculty during pre-planning. I wish to take a moment here to elaborate on one of those goals. A paramount aspiration of mine as the IB Coordinator is to instill the very essence of the IB learner profile into the core of our program. The International Baccalaureate encapsulates these profiles as "a diverse spectrum of human capacities and responsibilities that transcend conventional academic triumphs." What captivates me is the element of transcending mere academic excellence. This resonates with me deeply. I am genuinely driven by the vision of our students evolving into inquirers, knowledgeable individuals, critical thinkers, effective communicators, principled leaders, open-minded collaborators, caring souls, daring risk-takers, harmoniously balanced entities, and reflective minds. Our collective endeavors are laser-focused on affording every student the opportunity to embody these attributes.

Please, never hesitate to initiate contact or seek assistance. The pleasure I derive from our discussions and our joint problem-solving initiatives is immeasurable. Together, we will seamlessly conquer the challenges that invariably arise.

Warm regards,

Krystal Samuel  
IB Coordinator  
Academy of Richmond County  
samuekr@boe.richmond.k12.ga.us

PROGRESS  
REPORTS

Bear in mind that progress reports serve the purpose of tracking and communicating a student's development. Rather than being a conclusive record, this document serves as a tool for conveying a student's ongoing development in the course.

Leverage the insights gained from this tool to shape your path forward in the class. Moreover, engage with your teacher in a respectful manner; they are dedicated to aiding your triumph. Here's a valuable tip: center your discussions on the process of learning, rather than fixating solely on the grade. Conversations about just a grade aren't as productive as you might think. After all, grades fundamentally reflect the acquisition of knowledge and skills, don't they? While it's challenging for a teacher to provide a strict formula for achieving an "A" or a "B," we excel at equipping you with the methods to grasp the essential skills.



## ATTENDANCE

Parents,

Please stay in tune with your child's attendance which can be tracked via your Infinite Campus Parent Portal.

In accordance with the RCSS Code of Conduct, ARC will only be accepting 5 parent notes for the school year. The school is able to accept unlimited doctor's notes. You can email your excuses to [musketeerattendance@gmail.com](mailto:musketeerattendance@gmail.com). Any notes submitted in person should be turned in to the front office.

# GENERAL INFORMATION

## COUNSELOR'S CORNER



### Guidance Counselors:

**Last Names Starting With A-G:** Dr. Patrice Gude ([GudePa@boe.richmond.k12.ga.us](mailto:GudePa@boe.richmond.k12.ga.us))

**Last Names Starting With H-O:** Ms. Sonya Weaver ([WeaveSo@boe.richmond.k12.ga.us](mailto:WeaveSo@boe.richmond.k12.ga.us))

**Last Names Starting With P-Z:** Ms. Jureta Thomas ([ThomaJu@boe.richmond.k12.ga.us](mailto:ThomaJu@boe.richmond.k12.ga.us))

\*Only counselors have access to change schedules.

Ms. Denise Jenkins ([JacksDe@BOE.Richmond.k12.ga.us](mailto:JacksDe@BOE.Richmond.k12.ga.us)) is our guidance secretary and can direct all of your questions to the right place.

Ms. Dorothy Johnson ([johnsdo@boe.richmond.k12.ga.us](mailto:johnsdo@boe.richmond.k12.ga.us)) is our registrar. She can assist with registration (including updating anything in Infinite Campus e.g. new cell numbers, new email, new address).

Infinite Campus

Parent Portal

For assistance with setting up Infinite Campus, please contact our school Social Worker, Ms. Danielle Hawkins.

[HawkiCa@boe.richmond.k12.ga.us](mailto:HawkiCa@boe.richmond.k12.ga.us)



## VOLUNTEER TRAINING

Anyone who wishes to mentor, tutor students, chaperone a field trip, work in the school must have a background check and complete the volunteer training!

If you are interested in serving as a volunteer at ARC for this school year, please plan to participate in a training session on one of the dates listed.

August 23rd at 10am  
September 13th at 2pm  
October 11th at 10am  
November 8th at 2pm

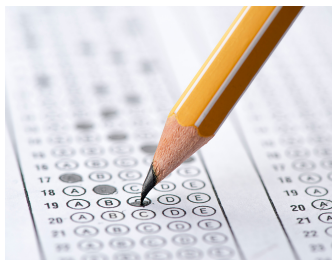
You must RSVP to attend the session to Ms. Hawkins at [hawkiCa@boe.richmond.k12.ga.us](mailto:hawkiCa@boe.richmond.k12.ga.us) or by phone at (706) 737-7152 ext. 1562. There is a prior online workshop that must be completed prior to attending the workshop. Please visit the ARC website for additional information.

## 2024 AP EXAM SCHEDULE

May 6th-17th

Click to view schedule

Week 1	Morning 8 a.m. Local Time	Afternoon 12 p.m. Local Time
Monday, May 6, 2024	United States Government and Politics	Art History
Tuesday, May 7, 2024	Human Geography	Chemistry
Wednesday, May 8, 2024	English Literature and Composition	Statistics
Thursday, May 9, 2024	Chinese Language and Culture	Comparative Government and Politics
Friday, May 10, 2024	Environmental Science	Computer Science A
	European History	Psychology
	United States History	Spanish Language and Culture
	Art and Design (Friday, May 10, 2024 (9 p.m. ET) is the deadline for design students to submit their three portfolio components.)	



## 2024 IB EXAM SCHEDULE

Coming  
September 2023

To access the AP exam scores, log in to your MyAP account or use [this link](#).

To access the IB exam scores, please refer to the email sent to the parent and student's school email address. There you will find the website, your personal code, and the PIN that you will need to get the scores.

## CANVAS



To access Canvas, get the pairing code from your child(ren). Have them login, go to Account, and then Settings. On the right side, there will be a button that says, "Pair with an Observer." Use this code to pair.

Go to the parent site. Create an account. Once you are logged in, if you have multiple kids, go to Account, then down to Observing. In the box, add the pairing code from your other child and click "+Student."

**TIP:** Switch browsers if you have difficulty logging out of your child's account.

If you can't find us in the Parent App, log in as a parent. Go to Account. Scroll down to QR Code for Mobile Login.

## REMIND

To get text messages from ARC IB, please text the message below (depending on class) to the number 81010. If you have any trouble with this, please let us know and we can help you!

Class of 2024 @arcib2024  
Class of 2025 @arcib2025  
Class of 2026 @arcib2026  
Class of 2027 @arcib2027





2023-2024

# Richmond County School System School Calendar

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Jul 04	Independence Day Holiday
Jul 27-Aug 2	Preplanning Days
Aug 01	Elementary and K-8 Open House (noon-6:00pm)
Aug 02	Middle and High Open House (noon-6:00pm)
Aug 03	First Day of School for Elementary
Aug 07	First Day of School for K-8, Middle, and High Schools
Sep 04	Labor Day Holiday
Sep 05	PowerUp Asynchronous Learning Day
Sep 05	Fall Semester Progress Report #1
Sep 15	Fall Parent Conference Window
Sep 18-Oct 06	Student Holiday/Professional Learning Day
Oct 05	PowerUp Asynchronous Learning Day
Oct 06	Student/Teacher Fall Break
Oct 09-10	Fall Semester Progress Report #2
Oct 27	Veterans Day Holiday
Nov 20-24	Thanksgiving Holiday
Dec 14-19	Semester Exams
Dec 19	End of 1st Semester/Early Release (all grades)
Dec 20-Jan 01	Christmas/Winter Break
Jan 02-03	Student Holiday/Professional Learning Day
Jan 04	Beginning of Second Semester
Jan 09	Report Cards
Jan 15	Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday
Jan 15	Spring Semester Progress Report #1
Feb 15	Student Holiday/Professional Learning Day
Feb 16	Student/Teacher Holiday
Feb 19	PowerUp Asynchronous Learning Day
Feb 20	Spring Parent Conference Window
Feb 20-Mar 08	PowerUp Asynchronous Learning Day
Mar 08	Spring Semester Progress Report #2
Mar 28	Student/Teacher Holiday
Mar 29	Spring Break
Apr 08-15	Semester Exams
May 17-22	Last Day of School/Early Release (all grades)
May 22	Post Planning Days
May 23-24	Graduation
May 27	Memorial Day Holiday
May 28	Report Cards
Jun 03-28	Summer School (5 days a week)
Jun 19	Juneteenth Holiday

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

**Weather-Related School Closings**  
For inclement weather, please tune to WJBF-TV, WAGT-TV, WRDQ-TV, or WGAC Radio for up-to-date information on school closings. Also, you can view the school system's website at [www.rcss.org](http://www.rcss.org). In the event of inclement weather or school closure, the school system will use PowerUp Asynchronous Learning Days.

Note: The Richmond County School System will operate 5 days a week throughout the year.

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# SCHOOL CALENDAR

**Coming September**  
4th: Labor Day Holiday  
5th: PowerUp Asynchronous Learning Day  
15th: Fall Semester Progress Report #1



## Septiembre

4: Fiesta del Día del Trabajador  
5: Jornada de aprendizaje asincrónico de PowerUp  
15: informe de progreso para el semestre de otoño



## 2023-2024 Sistema escolar del condado de Richmond Calendario escolar

Aprobado por el Consejo 17/05/22

<b>Julio '23</b>	04 de julio 27 de julio - 2 de agosto 01 de agosto 02 de agosto 03 de agosto 07 de agosto 04 de septiembre 05 de septiembre 15 de septiembre 18 de septiembre - 06 de octubre 06 de octubre 06 de octubre 09-10 de octubre 27 de octubre 20 de noviembre 14-19 de noviembre 19 de diciembre 29 de diciembre - 01 de enero 02-03 de enero 04 de enero 09 de enero 15 de enero 15 de febrero 16 de febrero 19 de febrero 20 de febrero 20 de febrero - 08 de marzo 08 de marzo 28 de marzo 29 de marzo 08-15 de abril 17-22 de mayo 22 de mayo 23-24 de mayo 24-25 de mayo 27 de mayo 28 de mayo 03-28 de junio 19 de junio	<p>04 de julio Día de la Independencia</p> <p>27 de julio - 2 de agosto Días de planificación previa</p> <p>01 de agosto Jornada de Puertas Abiertas en primaria y K-8 (mediodía - 18:00)</p> <p>02 de agosto Jornada de Puertas Abiertas en escuela media y secundaria (mediodía - 18:00)</p> <p>03 de agosto Primer día de clase de primaria</p> <p>07 de agosto Primer día de clase para K-8, escuelas medias y secundarias</p> <p>04 de septiembre Fiesta del Día del Trabajador</p> <p>05 de septiembre Jornada de aprendizaje asincrónico de PowerUp</p> <p>15 de septiembre 1.º informe de progreso para el semestre de otoño</p> <p>18 de septiembre - 06 de octubre Ventanilla para la Conferencia de Padres de Otoño</p> <p>06 de octubre Feriado de los estudiantes/Día de aprendizaje profesional</p> <p>06 de octubre Vacaciones de otoño de alumnos/profesor</p> <p>09-10 de octubre 2.º informe de progreso para el semestre de otoño</p> <p>27 de octubre Día de los Veteranos</p> <p>20 de noviembre Feriado de Acción de Gracias</p> <p>14-19 de noviembre Exámenes semestrales</p> <p>19 de diciembre Fin del 1er Semestre/break temprano (todos los grados)</p> <p>29 de diciembre - 01 de enero Feriados de Navidad/invierno</p> <p>02-03 de enero Feriado de los estudiantes/Día de aprendizaje profesional</p> <p>04 de enero Inicio del segundo semestre</p> <p>09 de enero Boletines de notas</p> <p>15 de enero Feriado de Martín Luther King, Jr.</p> <p>15 de febrero 1.º informe de progreso para el semestre de primavera</p> <p>16 de febrero Feriado de los estudiantes/Día de aprendizaje profesional</p> <p>19 de febrero Vacaciones de estudiantes y profesores</p> <p>20 de febrero Jornada de aprendizaje asincrónico de PowerUp</p> <p>20 de febrero - 08 de marzo Ventanilla para la conferencia de padres de primavera</p> <p>08 de marzo Jornada de aprendizaje asincrónico de PowerUp</p> <p>28 de marzo 2.º informe de progreso para el semestre de primavera</p> <p>29 de marzo Vacaciones de estudiantes y profesores</p> <p>08-15 de abril Vacaciones de primavera</p> <p>17-22 de mayo Exámenes semestrales</p> <p>22 de mayo Último día de clase/break temprano (todos los cursos)</p> <p>23-24 de mayo Días posteriores a la planificación</p> <p>24-25 de mayo Graduación</p> <p>27 de mayo Día de los Calidos</p> <p>28 de mayo Boletines de notas</p> <p>03-28 de junio Escuela de verano (5 días a la semana)</p> <p>19 de junio Día de la Emancipación</p>
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**Cierre de escuelas por causas meteorológicas**  
En caso de mal tiempo, monitoree WJBF-TV, WAGT-TV, WRDQ-TV o WGAC Radio para obtener información actualizada sobre el cierre de las escuelas. También puede consultar el sitio web del sistema escolar en [www.rcss.org](http://www.rcss.org). En caso de inclemencias meteorológicas o cierre de la escuela, el sistema escolar utilizará los Días de Aprendizaje Asincrónico de PowerUp.

Note: El sistema escolar del condado de Richmond funcionará 5 días a la semana durante todo el año.

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# COURSE SPECIFIC INFORMATION

## IB CLASSES

- **IB Literature Yr. 1:** All required texts for IB Year 1 need to be purchased by September 1st. Texts list can be found in the class canvas page. (Ms. Best)
- **IB PPS Yr. 2:** Duolingo 25 hours due October 6th & Reflective Project rough draft due October 6th
- **IB History Year 2:** The rough draft for Criterion A of the History Internal Assessment will be due September 8th.

Please reach out to your teachers if you have any questions.

## ARC SPORTS

CONGRATULATIONS  
Coach Grissett  
ARC Head Football Coach

**2023 ARC Musketeer Softball Schedule**

Date	Opponent	Time	Location
Thursday August 17	Lincoln Co	5:30 (DH)	Home
Tuesday August 22	*Morgan Co	4:00 (DH)	Home
Thursday August 24	Glenn Hills	5:00	Home
Tuesday August 29	*Cross Creek	5:00 (DH)	Harlem
Thursday September 7	*Harlem	5:30	Hephzibah
Tuesday September 12	*Hephzibah	5:30	Home
Thursday September 14	*Hephzibah	4:00 (DH)	Home
Tuesday September 19	*Salem	5:30	Home
Thursday September 21	Washington Co	4:30 (DH)	Home
Thursday September 26	Washington Co	5:30	Home
Thursday September 28	Elbert Co	11:00 (DH)	Elbert Co
Saturday September 30			

\* Region Games  
DH- Double Header

Softball Coach: Kevin Scheyer  
Assistant Softball Coach: David Robles

**Academy of Richmond County Volleyball 2023**

DAY	DATE	OPPONENT	PLACE	TIME
THU	10-Aug	INTRAMURAL SCHOLARSHIPS	HOME	5:00
SAT	12-Aug	LAKEVIEW PLAY DAY	LAKEVIEW	8:30/9:45
WED	16-Aug	LAKEVIEW/GRANVILLE/JOHNSVILLE/STANFORD	HOME	5:00
THU	17-Aug	DAVIDSON	LAKEVIEW	7:00
TUE	22-Aug	LAKEVIEW (H/V)	EVANS	6:00
THU	24-Aug	LAKEVIEW (H/V)	EVANS	7:00
TUE	29-Aug	EVANS (H/V)	LAKEVIEW	5:00
THU	31-Aug	LAKEVIEW (H/V)	LAKEVIEW	5:00
TUE	5-Sep	LAKEVIEW (H/V)	LAKEVIEW	5:00
THU	7-Sep	LAKEVIEW (H/V)	LAKEVIEW	5:00
TUE	12-Sep	LAKEVIEW (H/V)	LAKEVIEW	5:00
THU	14-Sep	LAKEVIEW (H/V)	LAKEVIEW	5:00
TUE	19-Sep	LAKEVIEW (H/V)	LAKEVIEW	5:00
WED	20-Sep	LAKEVIEW (H/V)	LAKEVIEW	5:00
THU	28-Sep	LAKEVIEW (H/V)	LAKEVIEW	5:00
THU	3-Oct	LAKEVIEW (H/V)	LAKEVIEW	5:00
THU	5-Oct	LAKEVIEW (H/V)	LAKEVIEW	5:00
WED	11-Oct	LAKEVIEW (H/V)	LAKEVIEW	5:00

\*REGION 4 AAA MATCH \*\*SENIOR NIGHT \*\*\*DINK PINK MATCH

HEAD COACH: DAVID BRADBERRY  
ASSISTANT COACH: MARCUS RUSSELL  
PRINCIPAL: JASON MEDLIN  
ATHLETIC DIRECTOR: KEVIN SCHYER

SOFTBALL CURRENTLY HAS AN APPAREL FUNDRAISER WITH JOHANSEN'S AND WE WOULD GREATLY APPRECIATE ANY AND ALL SUPPORT. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO ORDER PLEASE CLICK ON THE SOFTBALL ABOVE.

GO!!!



# IB SPOTLIGHT

## DP DIPLOMA

24 Points!

- Completed assessments: CAS (Community, Action, Service), Extended Essay, and TOK.
- Each student takes at least three (but not more than four) subjects at higher level (HL), and the remaining at standard level (SL).

How do you earn points?

- IB classes are graded on a 1-7 scale (4-7 is considered an acceptable score)
- Each class grade is generated from two types of assessment components
  - Internal Assessments (IA) – graded by the teacher with samples sent to IB for moderation, occurs during the school year
  - External Assessments (EA) – graded by IB examiners, essays and exams, occurs in May

An Example with IB English Lit HL...

IA: Individual Oral Commentary (IOC): 15%

Individual Oral Presentation (IOP): 15%

EA: Written Assignment: 25%

Paper 1: 20%

Paper 2: 25%

- Each component is scored separately
- Total number of points earned is converted to the 1-7 scale

Please note:

- No grade of N or E (non-submittal or failing)
- No grade of 1
- No more than two grades of 2
- No more than three grades of 3

- At least 12 total points earned in HL classes
- At least 9 total points earned in SL classes
- No penalty for academic misconduct from IB Final Award Committee
- Students have three (3) examination sessions in which to satisfy the requirements – students CAN retest!

## CP DIPLOMA

To earn a diploma in the CP, a student must

- Earn a score of 3 or higher in at least 2 IB classes
- Pass the Reflective Project
- Complete Language development
- Complete Service Learning
- Take the third-party assessment for the pathway (e.g. ServSafe for culinary, CompTIA Security+ for cybersecurity)

## Learner Profile

