



Our hope is to expand the REACH program to give as many students as possible the opportunity to reach their full academic potential. Our community partners are working with us to build a globally competitive school system that educates the whole child through teaching, learning, collaboration, and innovation.



Scholarship Program
Opportunity for Rising
8th Grade Students



Realizing
Educational
Achievement
Can
Happen



What Is REACH?

REACH is a needs-based mentorship and scholarship program designed to encourage students (starting in Middle School) to graduate from high school, attend college, and to be prepared for the 21st Century workforce. Students are provided with academic, social, and financial support throughout their time in school.

What does this mean for Richmond County students?

Each scholar who graduates will receive \$10,000 to attend a University of System of Georgia, Technical College System of Georgia institution or an eligible private postsecondary institution in Georgia. Matching funds from the university may also apply.

Not only is there funding, but the support the REACH program offers brings mentoring opportunities and oversight from an academic coach to keep the REACH Scholar on track.

Eligibility Requirements

In order to apply for the REACH program, students must:

- Be a rising 8th grader at an eligible Richmond County middle school.
- Demonstrate and provide proof of financial need.
- Have proven legal status in the United States (U.S. Citizen or legal resident).
- Have and agree to maintain above average attendance and behavior.
- Have grade reports reflecting at least a 2.5 cumulative grade point average in all core.
- Have demonstrated the support of a parent, legal guardian, or other caring adult.

How do I apply?

Applications for the REACH program are provided to all Richmond County Middle Schools in the Spring of each school year. Applications are also available on the Richmond County REACH Website. Contact your school counselor for more information.



What happens after applying?

Applications are reviewed and eligible students are interviewed by a committee of School System personnel and community leaders. The students who are selected will have to follow criteria to maintain the scholarship and upon graduation, will start receiving the \$10,000 towards educational costs.

What is the Criteria to Maintain the Scholarship?

To maintain the scholarship, the student must:

- Maintain at least a 2.5 grade point average in all core subjects in middle and high school.
- Maintain good attendance and behavior
- Meet with his/her academic coach at least one time per month during the school year.
- Meet with his/her mentor at least eight times a semester.
- Remain drug and alcohol-free
- Participate in REACH Georgia activities

MORE INFORMATION

On the web: www.reachga.org

RCSS REACH Website:
<https://www.rcboe.org/site/default.aspx?PageID=14182>