



VIRTUAL OPEN HIGH SCHOOL 2020-2021

Welcome to the 2020-2021 school year at Open High!

We are excited to see returning students and to meet our new family members. The first week of school will be used to acclimate students and teachers to the new virtual environment. We will need some time to develop and renew relationships, create routines, and practice with technology. No grades will be issued during this time. Here's some essential information to get the school year started.

Technology Distribution

All students will eventually receive a Chromebook, but due to problems with the global supply chain, we are limited in what we can currently make available.

If you have your own device at home that works for now, great! If you already received a chromebook or laptop from us in the spring, great! ***If you do not have a device or requested one as a priority need to begin fall instruction, please plan to attend one of the following events:***

Friday, September 4th - 2:00pm - 6:00pm

- 9th Grade - 2:00pm
- 10th Grade - 3:00pm
- 11th Grade - 4:00pm
- 12th Grade - 5:00pm

Saturday, September 5th - 10:00am - 2:00pm

- 9th Grade - 10:00am
- 10th Grade - 11:00am
- 11th Grade - 12:00pm
- 12th Grade - 1:00pm

Safety Protocols

No more than ten people will be allowed in the building at any one time. You must wear a mask and follow physical distancing guidelines. Additional safety protocols will be in place prior to the beginning of school.

Schedule

Enclosed you will find your schedule for the year, along with the "bell" schedule. Course schedules are made to first address needs, and then, if possible, wants. All courses are subject

to space and availability. Schedule changes will only be made at the request of a parent or guardian and only through September 11. In order to take attendance, **all students should attend classes that are on their current schedule** until the time a revised schedule is issued. Please contact our School Counselor Micah Davis at mdavis7@rvaschools.net about any necessary changes. Students will also use their schedules to pick up the proper books and supplies during the following Back to School events:

Student Supply Kits, Textbooks, Materials Pickup

Thursday, September 10 - 5:00pm - 7:00pm

- 9th Grade - 5:00pm
- 10th Grade - 5:30pm
- 11th Grade - 6:00pm
- 12th Grade - 6:30pm

Friday, September 11 - 4:30pm - 6:30pm

- 9th Grade - 4:30pm
- 10th Grade - 5:00pm
- 11th Grade - 5:30pm
- 12th Grade - 6:00pm

Saturday, September 12 - 9:00am - 12:00pm

- 9th Grade - 9:00am
- 10th Grade - 9:30am
- 11th Grade - 10:30am
- 12th Grade - 11:00am

Student Email

Each student has a unique Richmond Public Schools email they will need to log-on to **Google Classroom**. The email is the Student ID (without the zeros) with the extension @rvaschools.net. All passwords for returning students have been reset to **Open2020**. If you are new to RPS and have not received your student ID please contact our Office Associate Ryan Eldridge at reldridg@rvaschools.net.

Google Classroom

All teachers will be using Google Classroom as their primary space for organizing learning. Please see the attached flyer for log-in instructions. Students will connect to Google Meet through this portal. Links to the class and the virtual space appear in the banner. All syllabi and assignments will be found here.

Meal Codes

Enclosed please find individual student pin numbers to receive meals through RPS School Nutrition Services. Visit www.rvaschools.net/meals for meal bus stop locations and delivery times.

Attendance

Each class will involve both live interactive instruction as well as asynchronous “playlist” instruction where students work independently. Teachers and students are expected to begin each course “live” when attendance will be taken. In the event of a necessary absence, parents should contact reldridg@rvaschools.net as well as your teacher.

Virtual Virginia

For those students registered for a Fall Virtual Virginia class (Psychology, Game Design, French 1-3) classes have begun. You were emailed your username and password. Please connect with both your teacher and your mentor, Anita Murphy at amurphy@rvaschools.net. If students have trouble accessing Virtual Virginia courses, please visit the tech support link at virtualvirginia.org or email the HelpDesk at: support@virtualva.org.

Family

You will find out who your Family Head is on September 8!

Communication

The Open High School website at <https://www.rvaschools.net/OHS> is the central location for important school information. In addition to a monthly calendar, Weekly Announcements are housed here and shared in Family. We also use Parentlink for robo calls and emails. If you are not receiving these, please contact Ryan, and she will add you to the mailing list. You can also connect to us through

Facebook	Open High School: Current Student and Alumni Page
Instagram	@openhighrva
Twitter	@openhighrva

In addition, we use Remind to connect to students and parents through text messaging. Go to <https://www.remind.com/join> and enter the appropriate code shown below. Download the mobile app on your phone for easy use.

Class of 2021	rmd.at/hhba88a
Class of 2022	rmd.at/g8fcbe
Class of 2023	rmd.at/4ckdhd
Class of 2024	rmd.at/a37age

Once again, it is a pleasure to welcome you to Open High where we celebrate open minds!

Sincerely,

Clary Carleton

**Open High
BELL SCHEDULE
2020-2021**

Monday - Tuesday - Thursday (90 min. blocks)	
TIME	ACTIVITY
9:00-10:30	Course 1
10:30-10:35	<i>Transition</i>
10:35-12:05	Course 2
12:05-12:35	Lunch Break
12:35-2:05	Course 3
2:05-2:10	<i>Transition</i>
2:10-3:40	Course 4
3:45-4:15	Teacher Office Hours
3:45-4:45	Tutoring

Wednesday (50 min blocks)		Friday (50 min blocks)	
TIME	ACTIVITY	TIME	ACTIVITY
9:00-9:50	Course 1	9:00-9:50	Course 1
9:50-9:55	<i>Transition</i>	9:50-9:55	<i>Transition</i>
9:55-10:45	Course 2	9:55-10:45	Course 2
10:45-10:50	<i>Transition</i>	10:45-10:50	<i>Transition</i>
10:50-11:40	Course 3	10:50-11:40	Course 3
11:40-11:45	<i>Transition</i>	11:40-11:45	<i>Transition</i>
11:45-12:35	Course 4	11:45-12:35	Course 4
12:40-3:45	Independent Work Tutoring Teacher Planning Teacher PD Staff Meetings	12:35-1:05	Lunch Break
		1:05-1:55	FAMILY
		2:00-2:50	Student Reps School Counseling Class Meetings Town Meetings
		2:55-3:45	Teacher Office Hours