AN UNPRECEDENTED PUBLIC HEALTH CRISIS

RCPS
2021-2022

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Foundational COVID-19 Mitigation Measures

- Handwashing
- Social Distancing/Hybrid Schedule
- Mask Wearing
Additional Mitigation Measures

- Robust cleaning protocols
- Proper ventilation
High-impact Mitigation Measures

- Seamless access to COVID-19 Vaccine
- COVID-19 Testing
Telehealth and Mobile Clinic Services
Rockdale County Public Schools (RCPS) and Kids’-Doc-On-Wheels (KDOW)

RCPS is partnering with the nonprofit Kids’-Doc-On-Wheels (KDOW) to provide school-based telehealth and mobile medical services for RCPS students. These comprehensive pediatric services, which are available to all RCPS families on a voluntary basis, supplement existing school-based clinic services and can help reduce missed instructional time for students and missed work time for parents.

Enrollment in telehealth is voluntary and existing school clinic services will still be available to all students. However, voluntary enrollment will be required if families wish to access the telehealth services. If you would like to enroll, **CLICK HERE to enroll via the Infinite Campus Portal.** If you need help or cannot enroll via the parent portal, please contact your school’s clinic personnel.
Contact Tracing

- RCPS has established strong contact tracing protocols to ensure prompt intervention in the event of potential exposure.
  - Contact Tracers have been identified at each of our sites
  - Contact Tracers have all been trained on CDC/DPH guidelines for effective contact tracing
  - Consistent collaboration and consultation occur between RCPS and Gwinnett Newton Rockdale Regional Health Department (GNR) and Department of Public Health (DPH)
Milestone Testing
Grades 3-5

- Beginning May 3rd, students in Grades 3-5 will join other elementary and middle school students district wide in taking the Georgia Milestones End-of-Grade Assessment
  - Fifth graders will be tested in three content areas: English/language arts, mathematics, and science. Third and fourth graders will be tested in English/language arts and mathematics. Each content area assessment has two or three sections ranging from 20-90 minutes depending on the content and section.
  - Testing will begin each day by 8:00 a.m. Hybrid students will follow the testing schedule.
Milestone Testing
Grades 6-8

- **Beginning May 3rd, students in Grades 6-8 will join other elementary and middle school students district wide in taking the Georgia Milestones End-of-Grade Assessment**
  - Eighth graders will be tested in four content areas: English/language arts, mathematics, science, and social studies. Sixth and seventh graders will be tested in English/language arts and mathematics. Each content area assessment has two or three sections ranging from 20-90 minutes depending on the content and section.
  - Testing will begin each day by 9:00 a.m. Hybrid students will follow the testing schedule.
Milestone Testing
High School Students

- Students enrolled in any of the four core courses identified by the SBOE are required to participate in the Georgia Milestones EOC assessment at the end of each course.

- Beginning May 10th, students in high school will begin taking the Georgia Milestones End-of-Course Assessment
  - For the 2020-2021 school year only, the Georgia Milestones EOC shall count for 0.01% of the student’s final numeric grade in the course assessed by the Georgia Milestones EOC. Students must earn a 70 or higher as the final course grade to pass the course and earn course credit.

Testing will begin each day by 8:30 a.m. Hybrid students will follow the testing schedule.
Milestone Testing
Virtual Students

- Parents of Virtual students will soon have the opportunity to indicate by way of survey their preference for taking the Georgia Milestones Assessments. More details forthcoming in the weeks ahead.
Summer Support and Intervention

- There will be summer academic support and intervention at each of our schools for select students this summer. This summer academic support will also include some enrichment opportunities as well. (More details forthcoming from schools)

- There will even be information on summer learning opportunities made available for those students who will not be participating in the summer academic support and intervention provided at each of our schools. (Such information will be available at schools' websites)

- There will be ongoing academic support opportunities throughout the new school year and next summer as we continue to support our students during this unprecedented public health crisis.
Instructional Options for 2021-2022

- Default Option – 5 days of in-person instruction
- Virtual Option – Parallel virtual instruction
  - K-5 – All virtual instruction provided by designated teachers from our 11 elementary schools who will exclusively teach the virtual K-5 students.
  - 6-12 – Rockdale Virtual Campus will be the sole virtual option for our secondary students.
Elementary School - Learning Options 2021-2022

Parents who want the **VIRTUAL** learning option for their elementary child (grades K-5) for 2021-2022 must log in to their [Infinite Campus Parent Portal](#) and make the virtual selection for each child during **March 22, 2021-April 9, 2021**.

Parents who want the **IN-PERSON** learning option (five days a week in-person) for their child for 2021-2022 **do not need to do anything**. The default option for 2021-2022 is in-person learning.

[RCPS Reopening 2021-22 Elementary FAQ](#)
Middle & High School Virtual Learning Options 2021-2022

For parents of middle and high school students who want to choose VIRTUAL learning (Rockdale Virtual Campus) for 2021-2022, the registration window will be open April 12, 2021 through May 3, 2021.

Parents who want the IN-PERSON learning option (five days a week in-person) for their child for 2021-2022 do not need to do anything. The default option for 2021-2022 is in-person learning.

For more information, please visit: Home - Rockdale Virtual Campus (rockdaleschools.org)
Construction Projects Update

- J.H. House Elementary School new replacement school is on track for our target completion of later this spring with staff moving in the new facility later this spring after this school year for the beginning of the 2021-22 School Year in the new facility on Zingara Road.
New J.H. House Elementary School
Opening 2021-22 School Year
Construction Projects Update

- Our Newly Renovated/Constructed Central Office is largely completed at the Old Pine Street Elementary School site at 960 Pine Street NE, Conyers, GA 30012. Most of our central office operations have already relocated to the new facility, but all central operations will be relocated by the first of April.
New Central Office
Spring 2021
RCPS Academic Gains
#RCPSRising

- 2020 4-Year Cohort Graduation Rate the highest ever since the state began using the national cohort graduation rate method in 2012 – **84.6%**
- 2020 CTAE Cohort Graduation Rate increased – **96.76%**
- 2020 ACT District Composite Score the highest in eight years – **19.6**
- 2020 SAT District Composite Score increased by 15 points even as the national and state composite scores saw slight decreases - **994**
- 2020 AP Exam Scores saw increases in Scores > **3 (higher # of 4s and 5s)**; AP Honor Schools Named; Governor's Honors Program Semifinalists named representing **all** RCPS High Schools and Programs
Questions??