



# 2021-2022 School Reopening

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# BACK TO SCHOOL

**We're back together for Fall 2021!**

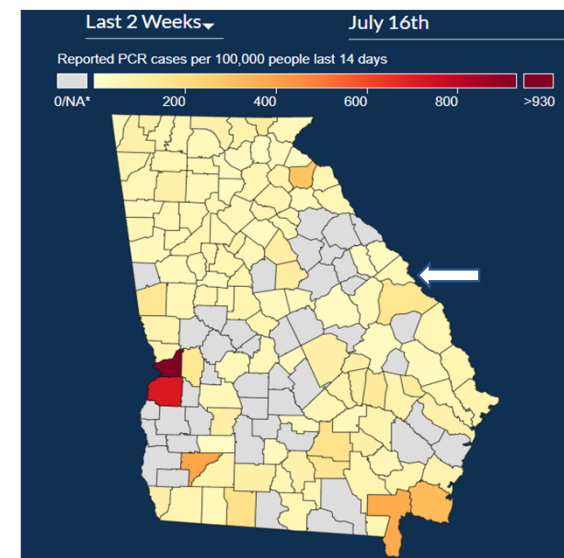
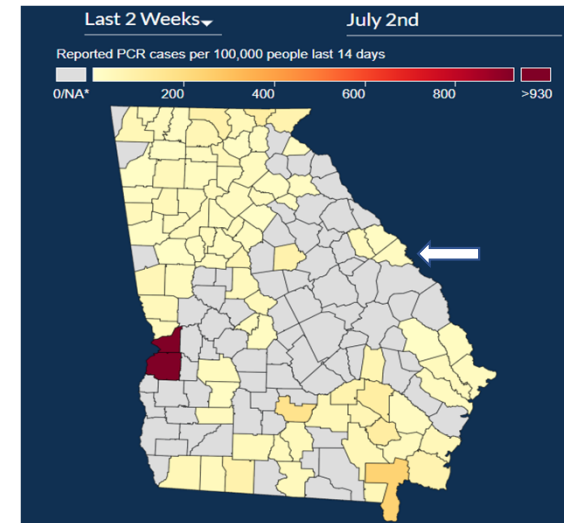


# COVID-19 Numbers Comparison

## July 2, 2021 and July 16, 2021

	July 02, 2021	July 16, 2021
Reported Cases Last Two Weeks	61	109
Reported Cases per 100k Last Two Weeks	30	54
Percent of Positive Cases Tested Last Two Weeks Richmond County	2.0%	4.7%

Richmond County has recently had a slight increase in positive cases and remains pale yellow indicating low spread of the COVID-19 Virus.



# 2021-2022 First Day of School



- **Thursday, August 5**
  - **Traditional Elementary Schools (PreK – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade)**
- **Monday, August 9**
  - **K-8 Schools**
  - **Middle Schools**
  - **High Schools**
  - **eSchool**
- **Employee Start Dates Remain the Same**

# GADOE Guidance for Reopening



- Reviewed CDC guidance and shared key updates with Superintendents
- Recommend that school systems continue working with the local health department to take actions most appropriate for the school district
- [Guidance for COVID-19 Prevention in Kindergarten \(K\)-12 Schools](#)

- CDC continues to recommend that people who are not fully vaccinated wear masks indoors.
- School systems may decide to require universal masking even for those fully vaccinated, for reasons, including: increasing community case rates, to allow teachers to model masking behavior for students, or when schools can't track who is or isn't vaccinated.
- People who are fully vaccinated may decide to wear a mask for various reasons, and there shouldn't be any negative consequences for that.

# CDC Guidance – Physical Distancing



- CDC recommends 3 feet in classrooms, but specifies areas where more distance might be warranted.
- The guidance emphasizes that physical distancing should not be a restriction on access to in-person learning.

[Guidance for COVID-19 Prevention in Kindergarten \(K\)-12 Schools](#)

# CDC Guidance – COVID-19 Variants



- CDC advises that the Delta variant and other variants of concern should be one factor in schools' decisions on prevention strategies.
- Community spread might lead schools to strengthen prevention strategies or continue to stay the course in the prevention strategies that are implemented, including consistent and correct use of masks.

[Guidance for COVID-19 Prevention in Kindergarten \(K\)-12 Schools](#)



- CDC has revised this guidance for school settings consistent with other guidance.
- Those who are fully vaccinated and come into close contact don't need to quarantine.
- For the unvaccinated, if both people are correctly wearing masks throughout the entire encounter, and are 3 to 6 feet apart, that is not close contact that would require quarantine.
- \* The RCSS COVID-19 Response Team will continue to support COVID-19 reporting and contact tracing

- **The CDC order requiring masks on public transportation is still in effect and applies to school buses.**



# In-Person Reopening Plan

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# In-Person School Operations



- Plans based on Minimal/Moderate Community Spread
- Areas of Consideration
  - Transporting Students
  - Practicing Prevention
  - Entering School Buildings
  - Serving Meals

# Transporting Students



We will continue to

- Provide hand sanitizer for students and bus drivers
- Provide training for new bus drivers in a COVID environment
- Provide and require masks/facial coverings for bus drivers and students
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces on buses between daily routes and at the end of the day
- Maintain protocols for social distancing at bus stops (3 Feet)

# Practicing Prevention



We will continue to

- Teach and reinforce good hygiene measures
- Provide hand soap in all bathrooms, hand sanitizing stations throughout all facilities
- Utilize seating charts in classrooms to facilitate contact tracing
- Post COVID-19 prevention & symptoms, good hygiene signage throughout facilities
- Clean/disinfect frequently touched surfaces daily
- Turn off water fountains. Provide water, water bottle filling stations and allow students and staff to bring water from home

# Daily Disinfecting Plan



We will continue to

- Clean and disinfect schools “High Touch Point” areas throughout the day
- Provide all classrooms with a bottle of approved disinfectant
- Schools with high enrollment have requested additional staff
- Training for custodial staff on COVID-19 cleaning requirements

# Entering School Buildings



- Posted signage on COVID-19 prevention and symptoms, good hygiene, and school/system specific protocols
- Request parents to screen children for symptoms before sending them to school
  - Remind parents to keep sick children at home
- Visitors/volunteers access will be limited. Visitors are encouraged to make appointments or utilize virtual meetings



# In-Person Meal Service



- The Nutrition Department will continue operating under the Seamless Summer Option, meaning all students eat at no cost.
- Breakfast will use a “breakfast in the classroom” model
  - All schools will set up meal carts where students enter the school (bus riders and car riders/walkers).
  - Students will pick up breakfast and report immediately to their classroom or designated area.
- Lunch will return to the pre-pandemic service model. **Students will come through the serving line to pick up trays for lunch service.**
- If principals would like to make any changes to service model, please contact the Nutrition Director.

# Meal Service for eSchool



- Meals are available for students participating in eSchool, and must be requested during registration.
- Meal kits include breakfast and lunch for 5 days for the following week.
- Instructions for storage and reheating will be included.
- Designated pick up sites to be determined.



# Academic Support

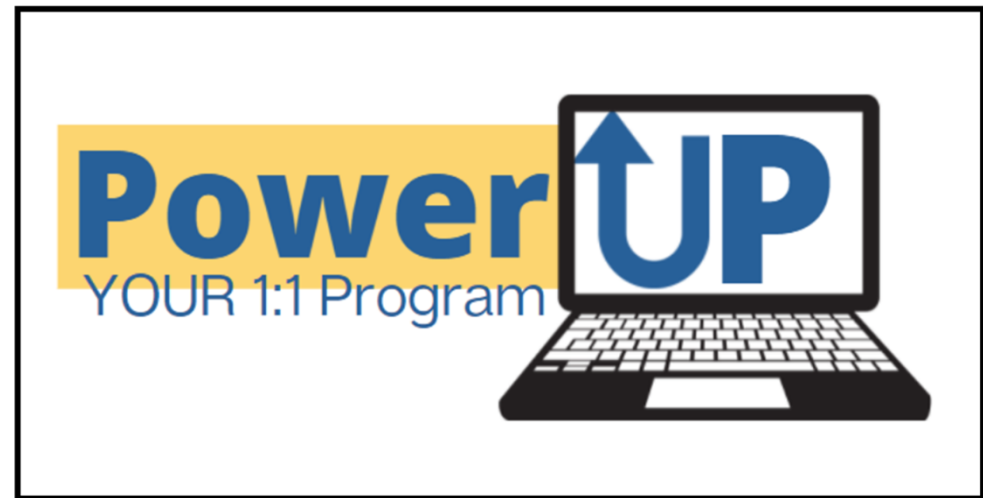
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# Academic Support: Technology

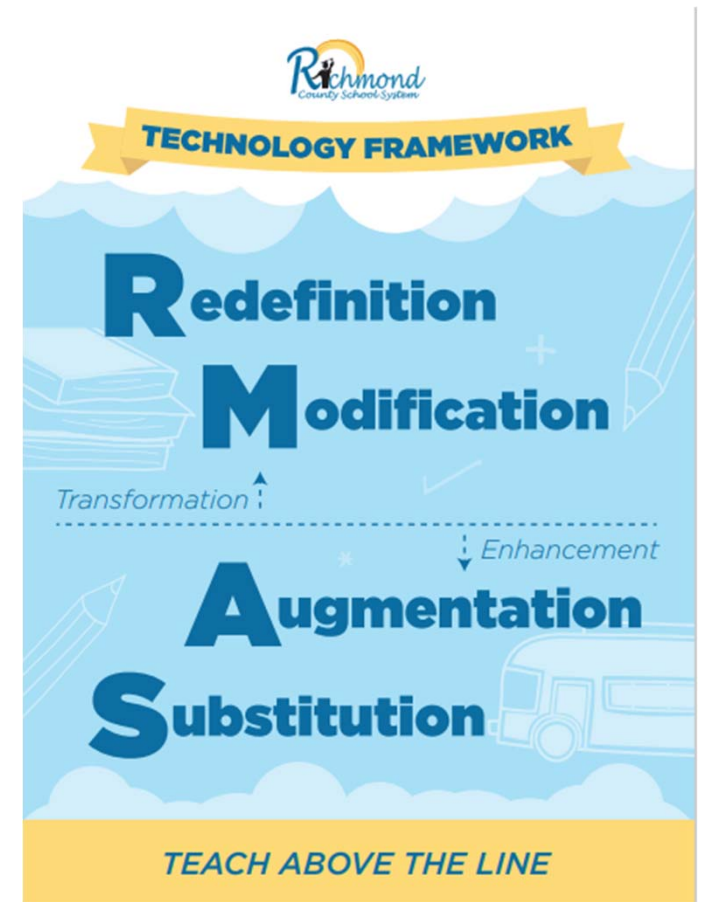
- **1:1 Technology Updates**
  - Incident IQ Training
  - Rollout Timeline
  - Optional Insurance Plans
  - Take-Home vs Day User
- **5 Verizon Innovative Learning Schools**
- **6 Additional Technical Specialists**
- **2000 Verizon Jetpacks**
- **14 WiFi Buses**
- **10 ActivPanels (per school)**



# Academic Support: Technology



- **Instructional Technology Framework**
  - SAMR Model
- **22 Supported Instructional Technology Tools**
- **100 Canvas Certified Educators (2 per school)**
- **24/7 Canvas Support**
- **2 RCSS Help Desk Employees**



# Academic Support: Training



- **4 Days New Educator Induction Training**
- **3 Days Summer Leadership**
  - July 21-23, 2021
- **2 Additional Days of Professional Learning for Educators**
  - July 27 and July 28
  - **SAMPLE Topics:**
    - NWEA MAP
    - Discovery K-5 Education
    - Student Feedback
    - Edgenuity
    - DRC Beacon
    - Foundations
    - Personal Financial Literacy
    - SAT Prep
    - Tech Tips
    - Sanford Harmony
    - ELL and ESOL Requirements
    - SPED Training
    - Canvas
    - CPR, First Aid and AED Certification
    - Title IX

- **Personalized Learning Strategies**
  - Learner Profiles
  - Interest Inventories
  - Learning Styles
  - Student Goal-Setting
- **Updated Instructional Expectations**
- **K-8 Summer Learning 2021 & 2022**
- **6-12 After School Intervention Programs**
- **iReady (K-8) and MAP (9-12) Assessments**
- **Content Mastery Assessments (CMAs)**
- **FEV Targeted Services and 24/7 Tutoring Services**





# eSchool

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# eSchool Update

- **June Registration: 462**
- **Confirmed Enrollment (July 19):309**
  - Middle School: 154
  - High School: 155
- **Start Date: August 9, 2021**
- **Technology Distribution Dates: Week of August 2**
  - District Issued Laptops, MiFi
- **Canvas, Synchronous and Asynchronous Assignments**
- **Staffing Update**





# Student Services

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# Back To School Registration and Open House



## July 12-26, 2021

### Parent Portal Update Campaign

Access via [rcboe.org](http://rcboe.org) → Parents Tab → Parent Portal  
Posted help links: Unable to Access an Account, Creating a New Account, and Updating Contact Information

## July 19-30, 2021

### New Student Registration Campaign

Access via [rcboe.org](http://rcboe.org) → Parents Tab → Registration Central  
Posted help links: New to RCSS, Transfer Students, Families in Transition, Registering for Pre-K and Kindergarten, Withdrawing a Student and, Bus Route Information

## August 2, 2021

Open House for MS and HS (Noon-6:00 p.m.)

## August 3, 2021

Open House for ES and K-8 schools (Noon to 6:00 p.m.)

### Open House Activities

- Meet your child's principal, teacher, and other staff
- Tour the school
- Learn information about transportation
- Additional Registration support (if needed)



## 1. ACCEPT Additional Parent Notes

Unexcused Absence Any absence not covered in (A)-(J) above, shall be declared unexcused. It is the policy of the Richmond County Board of Education that no unexcused absences are allowed. If parents keep their child out for other reasons, such absence shall be deemed unlawful and therefore unexcused. **For any absence beyond five (5), the parent shall be required to provide a physician's note or other excuse from an acceptable or official third party justifying the absence. (WAIVED for 2021-2022)**

## 2. WAIVE Attendance Requirement for Exam Exemption

Final Exams for students in grades 9-12 may be exempted provided students meet the following requirements:

- a) 90 average or above in the course
- b) *No more than 6 non-school related absences for a year-long course and 3 for a semester course. (WAIVED for 2021-2022)*



# Athletics Update

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# GHSA Updates



- The GHSA is moving forward with full capacity at all GHSA sponsored events.
- No restrictions due to COVID-19

- Fall Sports have started conditioning
  - Football
    - Official practice begins August 2<sup>nd</sup>
    - Scrimmages start August 6<sup>th</sup>
    - First official contests – Friday August 20<sup>th</sup>
  - Softball, Volleyball, and Cross Country
    - Official practice begins August 2<sup>nd</sup>
    - Contests begin August 5<sup>th</sup> for softball and August 9<sup>th</sup> for Volleyball and Cross Country
- GoFan will be used for ticketing at all events this year

# Dexter Mosley Act (SB 42)



- Authorization of home study students in grades 6-12 to participate in extracurricular and interscholastic activities in their resident public school system



# Student Eligibility Requirements



- Parent Notification
- Student Progress Verification
- Qualifying Course Enrollment
- Participation Requirements
- Policy Adherence
- Extracurricular and Interscholastic Activity Selection Requirements

# Qualifying Courses



- A qualifying course is a course facilitated by the resident school system through one of the following
  - On-Site
  - Dual enrollment
  - Georgia Virtual
- Qualifying Course Enrollment
  - Student must enroll in at least one qualifying during the semester the student is participating in an E/I activity (including tryouts, practices, rehearsals and conditioning)
- Qualifying Course Funding
  - One segment of the school day

# Ineligibility



- Ineligibility – a student who withdraws from a public school to participate in a home study program shall be ineligible for participation in any E/I activity for 12 months from the date of the home study Declaration of Intent submission to GaDOE.



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