

Rockdale County High School Student Handbook 2021-2022

(Supplement to the RCPS Parent Handbook)



***Rockdale County High School Bulldogs are
Responsible, Respectful, On Time and Ready to Learn!***



Greetings Bulldogs,

Welcome to the 2021-2022 school year. We are glad that you are joining us, as we embark on an exciting year of teaching and learning at Rockdale County High School. To the Class of 2025 welcome to the family. We look forward to seeing your academic and personal growth over the next 4 years.

After the last year of functioning in a fully virtual, and then hybrid setting we are excited to return to five full days of in-person instruction in the building. Due to the ongoing impact of the COVID-19 pandemic we will continue to implement mitigation measures as established by RCPS. This will include the requirement for all students to wear masks while indoors and on the buses, social distancing of at least 3feet between students where practicable, and regular handwashing and/or access to hand sanitizers. All visitors to our campus will also be required to wear masks. The school district through its partnership with Kids'-Doc-On-Wheels and our regional health department continues to provide access to COVID-19 testing and vaccinations for students and staff of RCPS, and their families. We will continue to implement mitigation measures as our Superintendent determines are needed to ensure that our staff and students' safety and well-being are prioritized.

This year we will renew our commitment to excellence in all that we do, as we seek to provide world class instruction daily with the expectation that all students can learn and succeed. We will continue to provide students with opportunities to address academic deficiencies, to build numeracy and literacy skills, to make up missing credit, to be college or work force prepared, and to have the opportunity to participate in advanced academic classes. We will continue to implement initiatives to promote teaching and learning, and to engage all our stakeholders in the process of educating our students. A major initiative for this year is to address the concern of student literacy. We look forward to partnering with our stakeholders in this effort which will positively impact student performance in every content area, and in their overall academic growth and development.

I am excited about all that this new school year has to offer and look forward to working collectively as a family to ensure that our students are provided with the best educational experience possible to be critical thinkers, responsible citizens, and prepared to be successful in their endeavors after high school. The Rockdale County High School family will commit to excellence and being a world class institution of teaching and learning.

I look forward to building relationships with all stakeholders throughout this year and encourage you to become active members of the PTSA and the Bulldogs family. It is going to be an amazing year.

Sincerely,

Dr. Eldridge Powell

Principal

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2021-2022 Staff

Principal – Dr. Eldridge Powell

Assistant Principals

- Ms. Stacy Clark 9th Grade Administrator, Science, and World Languages
- Mr. John April 10th and 11th (Last Names: A – K) Grade Administrator, Social Studies, and Special Education
- Dr. Pheneik Baskett Testing, ELA, and Fine Arts
- Mr. Tiwon Toney 11th (Last Names: L - Z) and 12th Grade Administrator, PE, CTAE

Magnet Director – Ms. Amanda Baskett

Magnet Assistant Director – Dr. Corey Williams

Athletic Director & Administrative Assistant – Mr. Chad Suddeth

Administrative Assistant – Ms. Janel Timberlake

Attendance Secretary – Ms. Monique Christie

Bookkeeper – Ms. Patricia Wingard

Cafeteria Manager – Ms. Janice Stephenson

College and Career Center – Ms. Therese Owens

Counselors

- Ms. Donna Thompson (A-G)
- Dr. Francene Breakfield (H-O)
- Ms. Khalisha Sabree (T-Z)
- Ms. Jewell Jackson (9th Grade)
- Ms. Raiven Harris (College and Career Advisor)

Counseling Secretary – Ms. Vanessa Burch

Digital Learning Specialist – Mr. Thomas Schie, Mr. Joshus Dyer

Graduation Specialist – Ms. Jermaine Blakley

Literacy Coach – Jassundra Barnett

Main Office Secretary –

Math Specialist – Patrick Alligood

Media Specialist – Ms. Mileeka Jennings

Prevention and Intervention Specialist – Mr. Babatunji Thurman

Principal Secretary- Renita Nelloms-Bethune

Registrar – Myra Williams

RTI Coordinator – Cindy Causey

School Mental Health Therapist – Jacqueline Vallina

School Nurse – Melita Curtis

School Resource Officers – Troy Quick, Charlene Smith

Special Education Lead Teacher for Compliance – Ann Johnson

Tech Support – Paula Henderson (Lead), Johnny Parks,

Title 1 Parent Liaison – Keisha Whitehead

2021-2022 Faculty

CTAE Department:

- Anhandus Beauford
- Dr. Imani Mathis (Dept. Chair)
- Donna Payne
- Dr. Carol Woodburn-McDonald
- LaToya Moore
- Douglas Youngblood

English Department:

- Marjorie Atkinson
- Amy Baxter
- Terri Bell
- Deshaundra Cook
- Sharon Carter
- Lauren Bryant-Davis (Dept Chair)
- Martin Fredrick
- Christopher Glenzer
- Yvette Thorne
- Shannon Turner
- Sabrina Winston

Fine Arts Department:

- Paige Hutchinson (Dept Chair)
- Breon Evans (Chorus)
- Jacques Jones (Band Director)
- Tara Thieleke (Assistnatt Band Director)
- Malcolm Watson

Mathematics Department:

- Sumpter Alton
- Andrew Baker
- Lina Battiste
- Thomas Briscoe
- Nancy Connew-Agyepong
- Dianne Crewe-Shaw
- Kim Hudson
- Tyrone King
- Nketia Martin
- Princess Millens
- Jeremiah Namkoong
- Ebony Reid
- Cheryl Sikes (Dept Chair)
- Sherrie Williams
- Schenterial Eady-Wyatt

Other:

- Brandi Brumback – AVID, Yearbook
- Sally Buglass – ESOL
- Frank Cassino – AVID, Credit Recovery

Modern Languages Department:

- Bryant Blue
- Jennica DuFresne
- Maria Nishio (Dept. Chair)

PE and JROTC Department:

- Alonzo Allen
- Capt. Tommie Banks
- Derrek Coggin
- Felicia Colquitt (Dept. Chair)
- Lee Hannah III
- MSgt. Tim Harris
- Cedric Miller
- Sean Turley

Science Department:

- Kendralyn Edwards
- Dr. Ken Gafford
- Brian Greene (Dept. Chair)
- Reginald Jacobs
- Adrian Prescott
- Nancy Meyers
- Lukisha Redmond
- Tedra Redd
- Granville Ricketts

Social Studies Department:

- Elijah Boga
- Ryan Denison
- Jeff Durden
- Alf Holst
- William Knudsen
- Tara Martin
- Ronald Mayes (Co-Dept. Chair)
- Michael McGuckin
- Brian Morache
- Dean Poole
- Mechelle Powell-Harris (Co-Dept. Chair)

- Johanna Stokes
- Jennica Toussaint
- Keisha Williams

Special Education Department:

- Felicia Andrews
- Ebony Bailey
- David Baros
- Kibwe Brown
- Heather Conley
- Christopher Crosby
- Alex Corum
- Crystal Daniels
- Rachel Fisher
- Timara Greene
- Evelyn Hudson
- Todd James
- Dr. Pamela Johnson
- Penny Lucas
- Don Swaney
- Ginny Van Rie
- Cerena Todman-Perez
- Terrance Williams
- Jametria Wilson

Paraprofessionals

- Sheriah Arnold
- Manju Guar
- James Huguely
- Felicia Jackson
- Marvin Mitchell
- Christine Moss
- Deneen Moss
- Everett Nicholas
- Terri Parker
- Sonja Phillips
- Regina Rome
- Joyce Saunders
- Valyncia Smith
- Wander Spring
- Magally Taylor

2021 - 2022 Class Schedule

1st Block **8:05am – 9:35am**

RCA bus leaves at 9:35am

2nd Block **9:41am – 11:11am**

3rd Block **11:17am – 1:29pm**

 1st lunch 11:11am – 11:36am (9th Grade Academy, Gym, JROTC)

 2nd lunch 11:39am – 12:04pm (300 Hall, Rm. 606-612)

 3rd lunch 12:07pm – 12:32pm (400 Hall, 500 Hall)

 4th lunch 12:35pm – 1:00pm (700 Hall, 100 Hall, Rm. 313-314)

 5th lunch 1:03pm – 1:29pm (Magnet, 200 Hall, Rm. 601-604)

RCA bus leaves at 1:15pm

4th Block **1:35pm – 3:05pm**

*Report directly to homeroom during the first two days of school

*Monday and Wednesday = A day

*Tuesday and Thursday = B day

*Friday = Rotating A/B day

Building Hours

The building officially opens at 7:30am and closes at 3:15pm. If you are in the building before or after these times, then you must be with a specific teacher or sponsor for a specific purpose. All students staying after school for extracurricular activities, office hours, tutorial sessions, etc. must be picked up within 15 minutes of the ending time of the activity. All students will be asked to wait outside for their parents after 3:15pm or at the conclusion of after-school activities.

We encourage our students to be involved in RCHS extracurricular activities and after-school opportunities for academic assistance. While we encourage this participation, we also strive to maintain a safe, secure and orderly campus. Please be aware that if your student fails to either report directly to a supervised school activity or leave campus by 3:20pm, he/she is in violation of the Rockdale County Public School Loitering Policy. The policy states: RULE 24.2 - A student shall not enter any school building or school system facility after school hours without authorization from school officials. RULE 24.3 - A student shall not loiter on any school campus or school system property. Appearing on campus will result in a loitering letter for parent notification and possibly in referral to student support services, suspension, and/or referral to law enforcement for loitering or trespassing charges.

Attendance Policies

1. Regular student attendance is a high priority at Rockdale County High School. Regular attendance at school is vitally important to each student since attendance affects a student's academic progress and the development of poor work habits.
2. The Georgia compulsive attendance law requires all children between their sixth and sixteenth birthdays to attend public, private, or home school. Any parent or guardian in violation shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof, be given potential consequences such as fines and community service (see RCPS Parent Handbook, pg. 3).
3. A student should bring an excused absence note to the main office within 3 school days of their return to school. Otherwise, it will automatically be recorded as an unexcused absence (Board Policy JB-R).
4. Georgia law allows a student to be excused from school for the following reasons: personal illness, illness or death in the immediate family, special and recognized religious holidays observed by the student's faith, mandates by order of a governmental agency, and conditions rendering school attendance impossible or hazardous to the safety of the student. Written documentation must be submitted to the school to validate that the absence is excused. The principal has the authority to require additional proof of the legitimacy of the excuse.
5. Parents will be contacted if a student has 3 unexcused absences. A student will be placed on an attendance contract if he/she has 5 unexcused absences.
6. Students will be counted present when they are serving as a Page in the Georgia General Assembly. College visits are considered unexcused absences; however, you are permitted and encouraged to complete all make-up work.

7. You must be at school until at least 11:30am to be counted present for the day. Students considered absent from school should not participate in any extra-curricular activities that day.

Tardy Policy

1. Students must arrive in their assigned 1st block classroom no later than 8:05am each morning. If a student is tardy to school but arrives before 8:20am, he/she will report directly to class. The student will be marked tardy by the teacher.
2. If a student arrives after 8:20am, the student must check-in at the front office. The student will be marked tardy (excused or unexcused) by the office staff and will be given a pass to class.
3. Tardies will be marked as unexcused unless the student has a written excuse note from a parent stating that the student was ill, at a doctor's appointment, etc.
4. Students are expected to arrive on time to each class throughout the day. If a student arrives after the tardy bell, the teacher will record a tardy in Infinite Campus.
5. If a student is more than 15 minutes late to class, the teacher will submit a discipline referral for skipping.
6. Tardy reports will be run daily, and consequences will be assigned for overall cumulative tardies as follows:

Number of Times Tardy	Consequence
1 st	Warning
2 nd -3 rd	Warning and Parent Contact
4 th	Student and Parent Conference
5 th	Administrative Contract Issued. Parent, Counselor and Attendance Admin Conference
6 th	45 Minute After School Detention (3:15 PM – 4:00 PM)
7 th	45 Minute After School Detention (3:15 PM – 4:00 PM)
8 th	ISS and Parent Conference, with Counselor/Social Worker, and Administrator.
9 ⁺	Administrator determined including ISS/OSS. Privileges/Activities Revoked.

NOTE: Students failing to fulfill the assigned consequence will receive additional consequences as determined by the administrator. Detentions are Thursdays 3:15 PM – 4:00 PM. Transportation is the responsibility of the parent whose child is assigned to detention.

Skipping Class

Students must be in their assigned class each period. If a student must leave the classroom, a hall pass should be written by the teacher. If you are not in your assigned class and do not have teacher permission

to be out of class, then you are considered skipping (RCPS Code of Conduct 10.2, 1-10 days suspension). If you are more than 15 minutes late to class, you will also be assigned a consequence for skipping.

Hall Passes and Hall Monitors

1. Hall passes will not be given during the first 15 minutes and last 15 minutes of class. Additionally, only one student at a time will be permitted to leave the classroom with a hall pass.
2. If you need to leave the classroom, you must have a pass from the teacher.
3. Hall monitors will ask to see your hall pass. Your name will be recorded for safety reasons and for the purpose of identifying those who may be out of class too often.

Check-In and Check-Out Procedures

1. **Check In** - If a student arrives to school any time after 8:20 AM they are currently marked absent in their class and need to be checked into school. The student will sign the check-in/check-out log in the front office and turn in any documentation (doctor's excuses, court papers, written notes, etc.) to the Attendance Secretary's folder. The Secretary will give the student a "check-in pass" that will allow them admission to class. If written documentation is provided it will be an excused check-in, if not, it will be an unexcused check-in. This information and the time of arrival will be entered in *Infinite Campus*.
2. **Check Out (Routine)** - Designated parents, family members, and friends are allowed to check-out students by providing appropriate identification between the hours of 8:05 AM and 2:45 PM. The person who is authorized to check-out a student will present appropriate identification to the Front Office Secretary for verification. The Secretary will locate the student and send him/her to office for check-out. The authorized person will sign the check-in/check-out log and the Attendance Secretary will mark the student as *check-out excused* or *check-out unexcused*, note the time of departure in *Infinite Campus* and give them a check-out pass that will allow them to depart from school. **NO CHECK-OUTS AFTER 2:30 pm**
3. **Student Self Check Out** - Check-out notes must be taken to the Attendance Secretary's folder in the Mail Office before 1st period. Any student needing to leave school before the 3:05pm dismissal must bring in a note signed by the parent or guardian that indicates the time the student needs to leave and the reason. This note must have a telephone number where the parent can be reached. Once the check-out is approved, the Front Office Secretary will locate the student and send him/her to the office for check-out. Students are required to sign out in the front office before leaving school.
4. **Students cannot leave campus for any reason during the school day without following the above protocol. Students may not leave campus for lunch.**
5. Students who are approved for an "off campus" period must have the means to leave campus and should not be on campus during this period of time.
6. No student will be granted permission to check out and return to school except for doctor/dental appointments or by order of a court or similar agency. Under no circumstances may students check

out for lunch and return to school. Once a student has checked out, he/she is expected to leave campus immediately.

Dress Code

The Rockdale County School System has a district-wide dress code. The complete text of this code can be found in the Rockdale County Code of Student Conduct and Discipline. The purpose of the dress code is to restrict styles of dress which create a disruption or interference with classroom activities. The RCHS Dress code include these provisions:

- Obscene pictures, symbols, or depictions of illegal drugs, tobacco products, or alcoholic beverages shall not appear on clothing.
- Students are not allowed to wear hats or headgear inside the building.
- Students are not allowed to wear slides to school.
- No short shorts/no mini-skirts (shorts or skirts must come to the top of the knee)
- Extremely baggy pants and oversized shirts are not allowed.
- Low-cut blouses, low-cut dresses, or low-cut shirts are not allowed.
- Any shirt or blouse that is sleeveless must have a collar.
- Any shirt or blouse that does not have a collar must have sleeves.
- No tank tops.
- Bare midriffs are not allowed.
- Spandex pants/skirts are not allowed.
- No immodest or extreme fashion is permitted.
- Pants, shorts must be worn at the waist.
- No ripped jeans unless something is worn underneath to prevent skin from showing.
- No jeans with large holes regardless if the skin is not showing.
- Any clothing considered inappropriate by the administrators will not be allowed and will result in consequences.

Students with dress code violations will be asked to call home for a change of clothing to be brought to the school on the first occasion. If someone is not available to do so, the student will be sent to ISS for the remainder of the day. Repeat offenders will be dealt with individually by an administrator using the consequences outlined in the RCPS Parent Handbook which includes in-school and potential out-of-school suspension.

Cell Phones and Electronic Devices

1. All personal electronic devices that are brought to school are the responsibility of the student. If a device is lost or stolen, RCHS administrators **will not** participate in a search for the device. A police report can be made with the School Resource Officer.
2. Students may use their phones in the morning before classes, during class transitions, and during lunch.
3. Students may NOT charge their cell phones in the classroom. Charging stations in the classroom are for laptop charging only.

4. Students may NOT use cell phones in the classroom. Devices should remain stored away until the end of class.
1st Offense – Cellphone will be taken by the teacher and returned at the end of the class
2nd & 3rd Offense – Cellphone will be collected and taken to the Front Office where it will have to be picked up by a parent. Discipline referral will be generated.
4th or more Offenses – Cellphone collected. ISS/OSS assigned by administrator.

Students who refuse to turn a cellphone over to a school staff member when a phone is requested will receive disciplinary consequences.

5. Students may wear headphones or earbuds in the hallway and during lunch as long as one ear is uncovered.
6. Students may NOT use earphones in the classroom unless they are plugged into the laptop or desktop and being used for educational purposes. Devices should remain stored away until the end of class.

Cafeteria Procedures

1. Grab-n-Go Breakfast will be provided each morning in the cafeteria and in the front lobby.
2. Breakfast is served until 8:00am. If you arrive on a late bus, visit the front office for a breakfast pass.
3. Each teacher is assigned a 25-minute lunch period. Your 3rd block teachers will inform you of your assigned lunch period.
4. Students with 1st lunch will report directly to the cafeteria.
5. Students with 5th lunch will report directly to their 4th block class at the end of the lunch period.
6. Students will have three (3) minutes to return to class after the bell to end the lunch period rings. A bell for the next lunch period will ring, indicating the previous lunch period should be back in class.
7. All students are expected to report to the cafeteria for their assigned lunch period and remain there for the entire lunch period.
8. Students **are not** allowed to order lunch for delivery to school.
9. Students **are not** allowed to leave campus to purchase lunch and return.

Acceptable Conduct for School Functions

Rockdale County High School is committed to creating and maintaining an environment in which all persons who participate in on-campus and off-campus school functions feel safe and comfortable. All participants are expected to conduct themselves professionally and exhibit exemplary behavior during school functions as they are representing our school, district, and community. Please review the following expectations:

1. All RCHS and RCPS rules apply during on-campus and off-campus school functions.
2. Possession or consumption of any form of alcohol, tobacco, or illegal substance (by Georgia law) will not be tolerated. Violators face possible long-term suspension or expulsion from RCHS.
3. Appropriate school attire is expected at all on-campus and off-campus school functions.
4. There shall be no public display of affection (PDA) at any time.
5. A completed permission form must be completed and turned in as instructed in order to participate in off-campus field trips.

School Safety:

1. Fire drills will be held twice during the first two weeks of school and once each month for the remainder of the school year.
2. Evacuation routes are posted in every classroom.
3. When an alarm sounds, every student is expected to follow the instructions given by the teacher and to proceed in a calm, orderly manner to your designated area.
4. If the school is placed on lockdown, all doors will be locked. Any students, faculty, or staff in the hallway should proceed to the nearest classroom or office for shelter. All persons will be required to stay in place until the lockdown has been lifted. Do not open the door for any reason.

School Clinic and Medications:

1. Teachers must call the clinic to make sure the nurse is present and available before sending a student to the clinic.
2. Medical treatment provided to ill or injured students is limited to basic first aid.
3. All student injuries must be reported to a faculty or staff member IMMEDIATELY.
4. A clinic card must be on file for every student and there must be a Permission to Administer Medication on file for any student receiving medication at school.
5. All medications, including non-prescription medicines, must be taken in the clinic with the school nurse. Time and date taken must be placed in the medicine log and a parent permission form must be on file. Students cannot possess any medication. All medicines must be brought to the clinic and administered by the school nurse.
6. Under NO circumstances should students pass medication from one student to another.

Textbooks and School Laptops

1. Textbooks are issued to students in many classes. It is the responsibility of the student to return the same textbook issued to them in good condition.
2. School laptops are issued to students annually for use at school and at home.
3. Students must have all agreement/acknowledgement forms signed each year before a laptop is issued.
4. Students are strongly encouraged to obtain insurance each year for their laptop.
5. Students are expected to bring their fully charged laptop to school daily for instructional use.
6. All components issued (laptop, charger, bag) must be returned in good working condition.
7. Students should not download and/or install anything that would bypass the firewalls on the assigned laptop.
8. Inappropriate use of laptops and violation of the acceptable use policy will result in disciplinary consequences.
9. Students who have outstanding textbook and/or laptop fines cannot purchase parking decals, homecoming dance tickets or prom tickets, nor will they be allowed to participate in their graduation ceremony.

Eligibility for Extra-Curricular Activities

1. Students in the Rockdale County Schools must meet certain requirements in order to participate in extra-curricular activities. These requirements are determined by the Rockdale Board of

Education, the Georgia Department of Education and the Georgia High School Association. A student must meet the requirements of ALL these agencies to be eligible for participation in ANY extra-curricular activity that includes interscholastic competition.

2. A summary of these requirements is given below:
 - a. Student must be enrolled in six (6) classes which can earn credit toward graduation.
 - b. Student must pass at least five (5) courses in one semester to be eligible that next semester.
 - c. Students must have a grade point average (GPA) of 1.00 or higher each semester to be eligible the next semester.
 - d. Students must be “on-track” for graduation by earning a minimum number of Carnegie units (credits) each year after entering high school as follows:
 - Second-year students must have five (5) Carnegie units toward graduation;
 - Third-year students must have eleven (11) Carnegie units toward graduation; and
 - Fourth-year students must have seventeen (17) Carnegie units toward graduation.
3. Eligibility will be determined at the end of each semester. Students who have been ineligible may regain their eligibility for the next semester by meeting all the requirements as given above.
4. Students will not participate in activities, rehearsals, practices and/or games on days that they are absent from school.
5. A student’s eligibility for participation in Georgia High School Association sponsored events begins when he/she enters high school (ninth grade) and ends eight (8) consecutive semesters—four years—later.

Extra-curricular Activities – Athletics:

Sport	Season	Coach/Contact
Softball	Fall	Brian Morache
Cross Country	Fall	Kelia Thomas
Volleyball - girls	Fall	Kibwe Brown
Football	Fall	Lee Hannah III
Flag Football	Fall	Jeremiah Namkoong
Cheerleading - Football	Fall	Donna Payne
Basketball – boys	Winter	Reginald Jacobs
Basketball – girls	Winter	Sean Turley
Swimming	Winter	Chris Glenzer
Wrestling	Winter	Cedrick Miller, Alonzo Allen
Cheerleading -Basketball	Winter	Donna Payne
Divine Divas Dance Team	Year-round	Jacques Jones
Baseball	Spring	Thomas Briscoe
Golf – girls	Spring	Derek Coggin
Golf - boys	Spring	Derek Coggin
Soccer – girls	Spring	Shelley Seagraves
Soccer - boys	Spring	Irvin Colbourne
Tennis	Spring	Michael McGuckin
Track	Spring	Lee Hannah III

Extra-curricular Activities – Clubs:

Club	Sponsor
Student Council	Douglas Youngblood
GIFTS (Girls in Focus to Succeed)	Keisha Williams
Japanese Animation Club (Anime)	Cheryl Sikes

Dart Club	Frank Cassino
Spanish Honor Society	Maria Nishio
National Honor Society	Debra Russell
Beta Club	Princess Millens and Ebony Reid
Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA)	Imani Mathis and Donna Payne
Debate Team	Shannon Turner
Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA)	Douglas Youngblood
Latino Student Union	Maria Nishio
Mock Trial	Jeff Durden
Black Diamonds Step Team	TBD
Newspaper Club	Lauren Bryant-Davis
T.R.E.E (Tree huggers Responsible for the Earth and the Environment) Environmental Club	Tara Thieleke
Disc Golf Club	

Extra-curricular Activities – Fine Arts:

Club	Sponsor
Drama Club	Paige Hutchinson
Marching Band	Jacques Jones
Art Club and National Art Honor Society	Tara Thieleke

Grade Point Average

1. The grade point average (GPA) is based on a 4.0 scale (A=4, B=3, C=2, F=0). The total grade points earned in each semester is divided by the number of courses taken to calculate an un-weighted GPA.
2. A weighted scale is used for Advanced Placement, Dual Enrollment, and Magnet courses. The weighted scale is used for the appropriate classes to calculate a weighted GPA.

Grade Scale

- A = 90 – 100
- B = 80 – 89
- C = 70 – 79
- F = 69 and Below

HOPE GPA

Your HOPE GPA is calculated based on grades earned in the core subject areas only. Everything is on the un-weighted scale except for AP courses which count an A=4.5, B=3.5, etc. Not all courses on your transcript are used to calculate your HOPE GPA. Set up an account at www.gacollege411.org to view your estimated HOPE GPA. See your counselor for additional information.

Graduation Requirements and Honors

- Required Credits for Graduation
 - 4 units English
 - 4 units Math
 - 4 units Science
 - 4 units Social Studies
 - 3 units CTAE and/or Fine Arts and/or Modern Languages
 - ½ unit Health
 - ½ unit Physical Education
 - 4 units Electives
 - TOTAL = 24 credits
- Grade Promotion
 - Students must earn five (5) Carnegie units to move to the 10th grade
 - Students must earn eleven (11) Carnegie units to move to the 11th grade
 - Students must earn seventeen (17) Carnegie units to move to the 12th grade
- Class Rank is determined by each student's weighted GPA. Honor Graduates will be defined as Cum Laude (3.5-3.69), Magna Cum Laude (3.7-3.89), and Summa Cum Laude (3.9+). Weighted GPA is used to determine these honors.
- Valedictorian and Salutatorian:
 - Students must be Board Scholars and have the first and second highest weighted grade point average (GPA) through the end of the first semester of the senior year (Board Policy IHD-R).

Final Exams

Final exams are given at the end of the semester and count as 20% of the overall grade for the semester. Students in Biology, Coordinate Algebra, US History, and American Literature **are required** to take the Georgia Milestone Assessment at the end of the course. **Students will not be permitted to take final exams early. Students will only be permitted to take late exams if the absences are excused and permission has been obtained from an administrator.**

Final Exam Exemption

Students may exempt final exams only if all of the conditions below have been met for an individual course.

- Students must have an 85 or above
- Five or fewer unexcused tardies per course per semester
- Three unexcused absences
- Three or fewer major referrals as defined by SWIS per semester for all classes combined

Note that students earn eligibility to exempt each individual exam. An exemption in one course is not a guarantee of exemption in other courses. Students may not exempt state mandated milestone end of course exams under any circumstances. Courses with mandated end of course exams are: Biology, Coordinate Algebra, US History, and American Literature

School/District Calendar

RCCHS follows the RCPS calendar, review at <https://www.rockdaleschools.org/calendars>

Inclement Weather Make-up Days may be used during intercessions.

Key Dates

August 5, 2021	First Day of School
September 6, 2021	Labor Day Holiday (schools closed)
October 4, 2021.....	Independent Learning Days (Synchronous on Teams)
October 5, 2021.....	Independent Learning Days (Asynchronous)
October 6 - 8, 2021	Fall Intercession (schools closed)
November 5, 2021	Teacher Work Day/Conference Day (no school for students)
November 22 - 26, 2021	Thanksgiving Break (schools closed)
December 21- 22, 2021	Independent Learning Days (virtual for all grades)
December 20 - 31, 2021.....	December Break (schools closed)
January 3, 2022	Teacher Workday (no school for students)
January 4, 2022	School Resumes for Students
January 17, 2022	Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday (schools closed)
February 21, 2022.....	Independent Learning Days (Asynchronous)
February 22 - 25, 2022	Winter Intercession (schools closed)
March 4, 2022.....	Teacher Workday/Conference Day (no school for students)
April 4 - 8, 2022	Spring Intercession (schools closed).
May 27, 2022	Last Day of School for Students/Early Release
May 30, 2021	Memorial Day Holiday (schools closed)
May 31, 2021	Post Planning Day

Grade Reporting and Term Dates

First Semester Term Dates	August 5, 2021 – December 17, 2021	87 Days
1st Nine Weeks	August 5, 2021 – October 5, 2021	43 Days
2nd Nine Weeks	October 11, 2021 – December 17, 2021	44 Days
Second Semester Term Dates	January 4, 2022 – May 27, 2022	93 Days
3rd Nine Weeks	January 4, 2022 – March 18, 2022	48 Days
4th Nine Weeks	March 21, 2022 – May 27, 2022	45 Days

Parking on Campus

1. All Students, including Dual Enrolled that park on campus Must purchase a Parking Permit.
2. Students who park on campus must follow the parking regulations as printed in the Rockdale County Student Handbook and on the parking application.
3. Failure to follow rules and regulations will result in parking privileges being revoked with no refunds.
4. Only students with current valid permits will be allowed to park on campus. Cars parked without permits, or cars parked in unauthorized areas will be towed at the owner's expense.
5. Parking Permits are issued in the Technology Building by Mrs. Owens for a yearly fee of \$50.00 cash. Permits are not transferable.
6. Students **must** park only in their allotted area, and in their assigned spot.
7. The speed limit on campus is 10 mph. Students are to leave their cars immediately upon parking. No student is to remain seated in a student's car upon arrival at school or remain seated and parked in the afternoon when it is time to depart from school.
8. All students who have seven (7) or more incidents of being tardy will have their parking privileges revoked with no refunds. Any student whose Parking Permit is revoked and continues to park on campus will have their car towed at the owner's expense.
9. A student's parking permit may be revoked without refund for disciplinary infractions.
10. Permits will be revoked upon withdrawal from school.
11. All items necessary for school, including but not limited to, lunch money, books and projects, need to be brought in from cars when you enter the building in the morning. Trips to the student parking lot will not be allowed during the school day, including lunch without administrative approval

Student Expectations in Virtual Learning

- Login promptly at the scheduled time for live class sessions using your RCPS issued device.
- Be aware of your surroundings and get set up in an area which minimizes distractions.
- Dress appropriately. Wear attire that is acceptable for school.
- Cameras should be on during attendance and when students are speaking. When possible, cameras should be on throughout the lesson unless directed otherwise by the teacher. An updated and school appropriate profile picture should be used for those times when camera is not available. Any special circumstances should be communicated to teachers via email.
- Mute your microphone when you are not talking. It reduces feedback and makes it easier to hear.
- Questions and conversations should be related to the lesson and school appropriate.
- Interactions with others should be respectful. Demonstrate online learning etiquette.
- Students are expected to remain in the session, actively participate, and complete all assignments.
- Assignments should be submitted in a timely manner.
- Communicate with your teachers and review feedback.
- Follow the student code of conduct.
- **Reminder: All sessions are being recorded.**

STATEMENT OF NON-DISCRIMINATION

Federal Law prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, or national origin (Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964); sex (Title IX of the Educational Amendments of 1972 and Title II of the Carl D. Perkins Vocational Education Act of 1984; age (Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1967, 29 U.S.C.); religion (Section 702, Title VII, 42 U.S.C.); or handicap (Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973) in educational programs or activities receiving federal financial assistance.

Employees, students and the general public are hereby notified that the Rockdale County Public School System does not discriminate in any educational programs or activities or in employment practices.

The person designated as coordinator of the system's effort to implement this non-discriminatory policy is Cathy Smiley, Director of Human Resources.

Inquiries concerning the application of Title II, Title VI, Title IX, or section 504 to the policies and practices of the system may be addressed to the person listed above at the Rockdale County Board of Education, 954 North Main Street, Conyers, GA 30012; to the Department of Education, Twin Towers East, Atlanta, GA 30334; to the Regional Office for Civil Rights, Atlanta, GA 30323; or to the Director, Office of Civil Rights, Education Department, Washington, D.C. 20201

STUDENT NON-DISCRIMINATION POLICY

The Rockdale County Board of Education ("Board") desires that all students receive the benefit of an adequate education. With this view in mind, the Board prohibits unlawful discrimination against students because of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age, or disability, or other protected group status or activity (e.g. opposition to prohibited discrimination or participation in the statutory complaint process) in its programs and activities or employment in its programs or activities. In keeping with this commitment, the Board will not tolerate harassment, discrimination, or other unlawful treatment of its students. As set forth herein, the Board designates the following employee of Rockdale County Public Schools ("District") to handle inquiries regarding the District's non-discrimination policies:

Executive Director for Support Services
Rockdale County Public Schools
954 North Main Street
Conyers, Georgia 30012
T: (770) 483-4713
<http://portal.rockdale.k12.ga.us/about/ss/Pages/default.aspx>

See Board Policy
Descriptor Code: JCA
Civil Rights of Minors