

## Note from Principal.

I hope this finds all of our ROYAL families safe and well! We are excited to see all of our students back on campus or via MySchool Online on August 24th! This year is full of challenges, but I want you to know that we are a strong team, our staff is ready to welcome your kids and we can make this our best year yet if we work together as a ROYAL family.

You will notice some newly added expectations for students, staff, and families to ensure safety on campus. It is very important that you review all of the information below to partner with us in a successful reopening. The expectations below will be posted throughout our campus this year. Some things are going to look, feel and be different, but we are truly excited to get to be back together with our ROYALS!

Each year we focus on a successful start by welcoming students back with love, compassion and providing grace when students struggle. This year will be no different in that area- a warm welcome with love and compassion as we all navigate new expectations and a new "normal". Each and every ROYAL on our campus and in My School Online is part of our ROYAL family and this is their school *home*. We are committed to partnering with you to ensure success and look forward to welcoming our students back on campus (or virtually)!

Welcome back *home*!

Looking forward to seeing you all soon!

Dr. Zetzsche

## The 2020-2021 School Year has a New Start Date!

We are excited to welcome our students on Monday, August 24th for the first day of the 20-21 school year!!

## Updated Bell Schedule

Due to the push back of the start date of school, we have had to adjust our bell schedule. Please see our updated start/end times. There will be NO Early Release Days during 1st semester.

River Ridge High School  
20-21 Bell Schedule



Period	Start	End
1 <sup>st</sup>	7:30	8:26
2 <sup>nd</sup>	8:30	9:23
3 <sup>rd</sup>	9:27	10:20
4 <sup>th</sup>	10:24	11:17
5 <sup>th</sup>	11:21	12:14
6 <sup>th</sup>	12:18	1:11
7 <sup>th</sup>	1:15	2:08

## ReOpening website link

Please stay tuned to the Pasco County Schools ReOpening Website. This site is constantly updated by our District with all of the latest information regarding the reopening of schools. [CLICK HERE FOR A DIRECT LINK TO THE REOPENING WEBSITE!](#)

## VIRTUAL Open House & Orientation Day (For Traditional & MySchool Online Students)

Our Open House/Orientation Day is scheduled for August 19th. Please use this link for info:

<https://rrhs.pasco.k12.fl.us/registration-open-house-20-21/>

## Step by Step instructions for filling out your Emergency Card

Parents - It is very important to make sure your contact information is always current and accurate. The school needs to be able to communicate with you regarding any changes or emergencies. Please review the step-by-step instructions below on how to access and fill out the emergency forms.

## Video: [Emergency Card Entry for Families](#)

## Daily Screeners

Parents, we are counting on you to screen your student for illness every morning before you send them off to school. **The district will NOT be providing a DAILY health screening for either students or staff.**

- Fever (greater than 100.4);
- Sore throat;
- New uncontrolled cough, that causes difficulty breathing (for students with chronic allergic/ asthmatic cough, a change in their cough from baseline);
- Diarrhea, vomiting or abdominal pain;
- New onset of severe headache, especially with a fever. \*\*\*
- Other symptoms listed by the CDC include chills, fatigue/muscle or body ache, new loss of taste or smell, and congestion or runny nose. Many children have very mild or no signs or symptoms of illness.
- If you still have questions about [when to seek emergency medical attention](#).

## Expectations for Picking up Ill Students

Parents if your student becomes ill while at school, you will need to have a plan for timely pick up. The CDC states that in developing plans for placing students with symptoms in an isolation area, schools should be mindful of appropriate safeguards to ensure that students are isolated in a non-threatening manner, within the line of sight of adults, and for **very short periods of time**.

## Other Considerations:

It will be important for families to emphasize and **model healthy behaviors** at home and to talk to their students about changes to expect this school year (social distancing, face coverings, hand hygiene). Consider using this [checklist for families](#) to prepare for in-person education.

## Mask Requirement

Our school district requires that all students, staff, and visitors wear masks or face coverings when on a school campus or other school district property in the fall. [In this video](#), Superintendent Browning explains the reasoning behind the decision.

The proposed rule describes what qualifies as a mask or face covering and under what circumstances the mask can be removed. It also describes how the school district will make accommodations for students or staff members who have a medical condition that would prevent them from wearing a mask or face covering.

[A summary of the proposed rule can be found here.](#)

## Free/Reduced Lunch Information

The Free and Reduced Meal Application for the 2020-2021 school year is now available online at [www.pascoschoolmeals.com](http://www.pascoschoolmeals.com). If you are unsure if you qualify, you can also review the income eligibility guidelines on our website.

Please only submit one application per household and include everyone who lives at that address.

The income provided on the application should be your **gross income**, before any taxes or deductions are taken out. All income for everyone on the application must be included. Income includes earnings from work, unemployment, social security, disability, pension, and any other form of pay you receive.

If you received a letter that one or more of your students were directly certified for free meals, please do not complete an application. If you did not receive a letter for all of your students, please contact us following the instructions on the letter so that we can extend benefits to the other students.

If you have questions, please email us at [FNS\\_Finance@pasco.k12.fl.us](mailto:FNS_Finance@pasco.k12.fl.us).

## Student Parking Passes

1. You must purchase student parking passes (\$40) online when you pay your fees.
2. All parking passes will be processed & distributed during lunches in the first two weeks of school. **Please do not go to Student Services.**
3. You must have copies of your driver's license, registration, and insurance in order to receive your parking pass during lunches.
4. All new student drivers must take the Safe Behind the Wheel Canvas course located on our school website. (Take this course NOW!)
5. **All students, including students who drove last school year, must purchase a new parking pass each year and provide updated vehicle information.** Parking passes are only good for the school year.

SENIORS - [learn how to purchase a parking spot to paint](#)

\*\*Students who drive will be permitted to drive and park without a pass for the first week of school only. Tickets will begin to be given out to any student without a pass beginning the 2nd week of school.

## Arrival to School in the Morning

Our mornings at RRHS will look a bit different this school year. Upon arrival from a car or bus, **students must head directly to get their breakfast and then take their breakfast to their 1st period class to eat.**

Students who do not eat breakfast at school will be expected to go directly to their 1st period class as soon as they arrive on campus. Loitering and gathering in the courtyard, in hallways, in the outside or inside cafeteria will not be permitted.

**To reiterate - as soon as you arrive on campus, you must report directly to a breakfast line, then to your 1st period, OR you must report directly to your 1st period class**



## **Walking in the Hallways**

### **STAY TO YOUR RIGHT, ALWAYS**

Walking in the hallways will look different at RRHS this year. All hallways and stairwells are right lane only directions. What does this mean? It's like driving a car - no matter where you are walking, you are always in the RIGHT lane. You will be expected to stay to the right side of the hallway and stairwell.

### **6FT SOCIAL DISTANCING, ALWAYS**

When walking anywhere on campus, the expectation is that you maintain 6ft of social distancing from everyone. Headed to your class and you didn't get to stop and use the restroom? No worries - go to your class, and your teacher will write you a pass!

## **Classroom Expectations**

There will be some updated expectations within classrooms:

### **Working as a Community to keep things Clean**

Keeping your area and materials clean in class will be the job of everyone. The expectation will be that you clean your personal area & materials used after each class. Your teacher will have a set procedure for this at the end of the class period, and will have a cleaning station with materials to use for cleaning purposes.

### **Assigned Seats in Every Class**

**Your teachers will be assigning you a seat in every classroom. The expectation is that you sit in that assigned seat every day. You are not permitted to change your seat.**

### **Mask Breaks**

Teachers will incorporate mask breaks for students. A student may raise their hand and request a break. The teacher will permit the student to step into the empty hallway, within sight of the teacher through the window, and remove their masks for a minute or two.

## **Cafeteria Expectations**

### **Seating:**

Students will be permitted to eat inside the cafeteria, outside the cafeteria, out in the courtyard, media, or in an assigned classroom. Seats will be marked in the cafeteria & outside cafeteria tables to denote table capacity. If you choose to eat in the courtyard the expectation is that you maintain 6ft of social distancing, and are seated when eating. Students will be expected to eat in the same lunch location EVERY day.

### **Must be Seated:**

All students will be required to be seated if eating. No one is permitted to be standing up, or walking when eating their food or snacks.

### **Movement in Cafeteria or other spaces:**

When you are moving, walking or standing anywhere during lunch, you must have your mask on.

## **Dismissal at End of Day**

Our end of day dismissal will be staggered by building in two phases. Teachers will be given information about dismissal procedures, and the expectation is that students follow both the dismissal timeframe and the path set forth for dismissal. We have worked with transportation on this plan, and it will not cause any disruption to our typical dismissal, but will provide for more space/movement at dismissal for all students.

## **Athletics & PE**

Fall athletics will not begin until September 7, 2020. When athletics do begin, all practices will start immediately following the school day. Student athletes will report directly to their practice locations with their coaches. There will be no athletic study hall this year.

There will be no dressing out in PE for the entire 1st semester. If you have PE on your schedule you will need to come to school dressed to participate in PE. There will be no lockers sold for PE. Locker rooms will only be utilized to store backpacks while students are participating in PE.