

## **RCS at Home FAQ's**

*Due to the everchanging information related to COVID-19, this reference document is subject to change.*

### **Will my child need access to the internet?**

You must have internet service to access the virtual learning program.

### **What is RCS at Home learning?**

Instruction that takes place in an online learning environment rather than in a traditional school setting.

### **What does a day of online instruction look like?**

Students will be expected to be engaged in instruction and show adequate daily progress. This includes independent work, google meets with teachers and participation in teacher-led video lessons. The actual times that a student is logged in to the RCS at Home is flexible. The platform will be available 24 hours a day and weekends.

### **Will RCS at Home follow the same calendar?**

RCS at Home will follow the same calendar as the county schools with the addition of October 28<sup>th</sup>, November 3<sup>rd</sup>, January 4<sup>th</sup>, and February 3<sup>rd</sup>.

### **Who is eligible for virtual learning?**

Students in grades K-12 are eligible. This does not guarantee that your child will be approved for virtual learning. Each applicant will be looked at individually. Various data points will be included in determining eligibility, including but not limited to: previous grades, participation during online learning during the spring school closure, and attendance. The system will carefully weigh all data in determining the best placement for your child's learning which may include either traditional schooling or virtual learning.

### **Who are good candidates for virtual learning?**

- Students that have health issues that may be negatively impacted by in-person learning.
- Students that successfully participated in the virtual learning that occurred in the spring and completed all required assignments.
- Students that are working at or above grade level and can work independently without prompting.
- Students that have on-going parental support.

### **Who is NOT a good candidate for virtual learning?**

- Students who struggle academically and need face to face instruction with a teacher.
- Students who struggled working online in Spring 2020.
- Students who need a routine, lack self-motivation and organizational skills.

### **Is my child still enrolled in the Rhea County school system?**

Yes, students in grades K-12 approved for RCS at Home are still enrolled as Rhea County students even if they are not physically in the building. Instruction will be a combination of video instruction and independent work.

### **What if I change my mind and want my child to return to traditional learning in the classroom?**

Students will be required to remain in RCS at Home for 9-weeks. At that time, parents may request to return to in-person instruction. Students will be allowed one opportunity in RCS at Home during the 2020-21 school year. If your child is not making adequate progress, the educational team may require your child to return to traditional instruction.

### **Is my child expected to participate in video instruction and/or virtual meetings done by the classroom teacher?**

Students will be expected to participate in all video lessons and complete all assignments as they are due.

### **What is the attendance policy for virtual learning?**

Students enrolled in RCS at Home are still required to abide by the district attendance policy 6.200. Attendance will be monitored by students making adequate daily progress.

### **What is considered a day of instruction?**

Students will be monitored and must be making adequate daily progress.

### **Will assignments be graded?**

Grades will be assigned, and students are expected to complete all work to the best of their ability. Student promotion will be contingent on the completion/passing of the daily assignments and assessments. Grades will be averaged for students just as for those choosing the traditional format of instruction.

### **Will my child still be required to take state assessments (TCAP) in the spring?**

Yes, all students participating in RCS at Home will be required to take the state assessments. These tests will be administered at the student's zoned school.

**What if my child does not have a device for completing on-line learning?**

Students in grades K-12 that do not have a device for completing work may check out a Chromebook (for school use only). Parents and students will assume responsibility for taking care of the device and returning at the end of the RCS at Home period.

**Are there any additional requirements for RCS at Home?**

An agreement will be made with the school, parent, and student on the responsibilities of RCS at Home. This will be completed through the RCS at Home application.