



Roanoke Valley Governor's School 2020-21

RVGS REUNIFIED

RVGS will open school on August 18. While the state is in Phase 3, students will be welcomed back to campus using a hybrid model designed to provide the quality instruction our students, families and stakeholders expect from RVGS while protecting student, staff and community health and well-being.

LEARNING

OVERVIEW

4 days per week: 2x 2 Hybrid Class Communities
1 day per week: Virtual Day
Classes will follow a real-time, synchronous format
100% virtual attendance will be supported as desired

SAFETY

OVERVIEW

Daily health screenings will be in place for all students & staff
Healthy habits such as social-distancing & appropriate mask use will be observed
Sanitization of workspaces will be completed daily

ACCESS

OVERVIEW

Transportation is anticipated while home districts hold in-person classes
Equitable, interactive at-home lessons will be provided
Technology needs will be met by RVGS as necessary

Exploring the Details: **LEARNING**

2 x 2 Hybrid Class Communities:

Students will have four “lab day” length (2.5 hour) classes per week—two math and two science—with half the class invited to attend on-campus and the other half virtually attending a real-time stream of the classroom lesson. All four Hybrid Class Community days will provide a genuine RVGS classroom experience lead by the RVGS instructor, including opportunities for interaction with classmates and participation in class discussions/activities.

Virtual School Day:

One day a week, all students will attend in an online format. At the start of the school year, this day will be evenly split between math and science class. Later, this will transition to split between math, science, and elective.

Virtual Learning Environment:

All virtual learning experiences will be presented in real-time, following the RVGS daily schedule. On Hybrid Class Community days, students attending virtually will be provided with direct A/V streams of classroom instruction. On Virtual School Days, the students will have live interactions with their classroom teacher in a simulation of a normal lesson. RVGS will not rely on asynchronous or pre-recorded materials that would not be employed in a traditional classroom environment, with exceptions in cases such as teacher illness, independent projects, and assessment.

Special Accommodations:

Students can attend on-campus at RVGS and select 100% virtual options at the home school if allowed by the home district. Students who are unable to attend during scheduled class time will have access to recordings of the live-stream of class and are expected to view this recording within 24 hours of the class meeting to be counted present. Families uncomfortable with in-person attendance will be fully supported in the decision to attend virtually five days a week. Students with IEPs or 504 plans will have their accommodations appropriately met.

Weekly Schedule:

Monday AM1/PM1 Tuesday AM2/PM2 Wednesday Virtual Day Thursday AM2/PM2 Friday AM1/PM1
Students attendance schedules have primarily been aligned with home school attendance schedules.
For 4 day weeks: schedule for the missed day will replace the Wednesday Virtual School Day that week.

Exploring the Details: SAFETY

RVGS will prioritize the safety of our students, staff and community at all times

Daily Health Screenings:

All students and staff will be screened on a daily basis through a series of health questions and a temperature check (100° F cut-off). Families will have access to the health questions and expectations prior to the opening of school. Students or staff who are determined to be at risk by the health screen will be sent home immediately or respectfully placed in a Health Annex Room at Patrick Henry until the family can provide a ride home.

Healthy Habits:

Students and staff will be actively instructed to follow appropriate pandemic health practices, aligned with local, state, and national health guidance. Students and staff will maintain social-distancing of six feet at all times, including a spaced seating arrangement in classes. Students and staff will wear approved face coverings throughout their time in the school building. Handwashing is highly encouraged, but sink access will be challenged due to social-distancing. As a result, RVGS will have increased access to hand-sanitizer stations and handwashing stations.

Sanitizing Work-Spaces and Materials:

The school will be appropriately cleaned and sanitized each day, with a deep cleaning taking place once per week. Students will not use communal materials and are encouraged to use their own class supplies (RVGS will maintain a supply for distribution as needed). If lab materials require reuse during the day, they will be sanitized between use with a EPA-approved disinfectant. Students are permitted to use a personal supply of disinfecting wipes for added peace of mind if desired, but these should be unscented and cannot be transported on a bus.

CDC and Virginia Department of Health Guidelines:

All Virginia schools have been directed to observe CDC and VDH guidelines by the Governor and the Virginia Department of Education. RVGS administration is committed to following advice of the CDC and VDH, considering them most broadly accepted authorities at the national, state and local levels. Regardless of distances allowable by the VDOE, RVGS will employ a minimum of 6 foot distancing in all classrooms.

Exploring the Details: ACCESS

Transportation:

Transportation is anticipated from all districts while the district is running in-person classes at the home schools. RVGS will assist as possible, but—as is the case normally—contacting the district transportation office will yield the most up to date information. Distancing and protocols on school buses are determined by the home school district.

At-Home Access:

As students will attend some or all of their classes virtually, RVGS will place a high priority on equitably delivering an online experience comparable to the in-person lesson. These details are described in prior sections of this document. Our goal is to ensure that students who attend from home are not disadvantaged in their learning.

Technology Needs:

RVGS will provide students with laptops and other technology equipment necessary to access at-home learning.

RE-OPENING PROCESS

- Classes begin virtually on August 18
- As districts open, they will send their students for a trial run (one district at a time) to ensure solid logistics.
- Following these trial days, the RVGS REUNIFIED attendance schedule will begin, no earlier than September 8.

RVGS families and students are encouraged to contact the Director with any questions or special concerns. Mr. Levy can be reached at mlevy@rvgs.k12.va.us or 853-2116. Elements of this plan may change and are subject to authority of the RVGS Regional Board.