

The RIS Remote Learning Academy:

A Guide for Families



Welcome, families, to an extraordinary school year! Do you have questions about the technology for the Remote Learning Academy (RLA)? Use this guide as a helpful resource. Contact us at any time if you have other questions or concerns.

Technology and Accessibility:

Q: How will my student complete their online assignments?

A: Each RCPS student will be provided with a district issue Chromebook and charger. Chromebooks are being deployed on August 31st and September 4th. Please contact Laura Cornwall for more information regarding Chromebooks.

Q: How will I get information about assignments, progress, and other classroom news?

A: Teachers will assign activities and lessons via Google Classroom and host virtual meetings and online classes via Google Meets. Families can contact their child's teacher directly through email and Remind and receive schoolwide news and updates via Schoolmessenger, Facebook, the district website, and

Q: How/where should my child keep track of their assignments?

A: Google Classroom. Google Calendar can also easily synch assignments and deadlines but using a traditional planner or notebook to keep track of assignments works just as well.

Q: What should we do if we have technical difficulties or our device breaks?

A: Please notify your RLA teacher first as they can help you with passwords, login information, and navigation new programs and platforms. Should a Chromebook need repair or is not functioning properly, please notify the administration and we will work with our IT department to remedy the issue.

Remote Learning Academy (RLA)

Q: What programs will my child be learning with?

A: Zearn for math, Lexia for literacy, Reading A-Z, and Google Classroom.

Q: What is the attendance expectation for my child?

A: Students in the RLA program are expected to attend their online classes just as they would in-person classes at RIS between 8:10 am and 2:45 pm. Individual RLA teacher schedules will vary so it is important to be in contact with your child's RLA teacher prior to the start of school on September 8th.

Q: What is the screen time expectation for my child?

A: RIS students are expected to spend a maximum of 120 minutes on-screen and 120 minutes doing activities and assignments off screen with their RLA teacher. Each RLA teacher will have a specific schedule to share with the families of students in their online cohort

Q: How will the school help facilitate social connections while distance learning?

A: We are still planning to host school wide celebrations virtually and will invite our Remote Learners to participate in events like PBIS celebrations and. Remote Learners will still participate in daily morning meetings with their RLA teacher and virtual peers.