

Tips for the 2017-2018 School Year

We have compiled this list of important and helpful tips for students and parents to review. There is a lot of information on this list – *please review all of it*, as much of it applies to every student and every family.

Scheduling Issues

We have worked hard to grant each student's class selections from the registration form, but we have used alternates when needed. As a small school, scheduling can be difficult.

1. Check your schedule to make sure that classes are listed for every period.
2. For 10th, 11th, and 12th graders, the grade level on the schedule may be incorrect. After July 1, the computer program will automatically promote students.
3. Please be aware of graduation requirements. Seniors, double-check your schedule to make sure that you are enrolled in the courses that you need for graduation. Graduation requirements can be found on the Raleigh Charter website under Students/Curriculum.
4. Schedule changes
 - a. For schedule changes, a written request is required. On a piece of paper explain the request, its justification, and include a parent signature. Ms. Huddleston will then contact the recommending teacher for the course. The request can be mailed to Raleigh Charter High School, 1307 Glenwood Avenue, Raleigh NC 27605 or dropped off in the office. Students must submit schedule change requests **by August 9**. After that, class changes are rarely granted and must be initiated by the teacher.
 - b. We cannot guarantee any schedule change requests; however, the sooner your request is submitted, the more likely we are to be able to honor it. Many classes are now full, and maintaining small classes is a fundamental part of the Raleigh Charter experience.
 - c. Changes cannot be officially requested via email, but questions can be sent to Ms. Huddleston (lhuddleston@raleighcharterhs.org).
 - d. Human Geography, Constitutional Issues, Systems Theory, Art 1, AP Psychology, AP Physics C, Computer Applications, Honors English 1, Honors Chemistry, Honors World History, and Health had more requests than space. Grade level, GPA, and random lottery are used in determining placement. Please do not request to switch into these courses.
5. Payment for the 7th period Health class (\$550) is due in the office on August 10th. If this payment schedule does not work for you, contact Ms. Huddleston to make other arrangements. There were more requests for this class than could be honored, so there is a waiting list.

Books

Families are asked to purchase some of their students' books for the year. The book list will be available early in July. At that time, please visit our website at www.raleighcharterhs.org to find out which books you need. Families have the option of ordering through Quail Ridge Books or another vendor of their choosing. Quail Ridge Books (4381-105 Lassiter at North Hills Avenue) has once again generously agreed to donate up to twenty percent of the purchase price of the books to Raleigh Charter. A downloadable Quail Ridge Books order form, links for ordering from other vendors, and ISBN numbers will be available on our website by July 1. RCHS also receives financial support when families buy books through smile.amazon.com and designate RCHS as the recipient. Students must have all books before school begins.

If purchasing books presents a financial hardship to your family, please contact Ms. Huddleston at RCHS at 919-715-1155. Course packs will be purchased at the Student Orientation Day, August 10 in Room 233.

(turn over for more tips!)

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Summer Reading Assignments

We hope that you are getting started on your summer reading for English and many AP classes. Check the RCHS website if you need more information about summer assignments.

Carpool Drop-Off and Pick-Up: Always Use Washington Street

Please carefully examine the enclosed map and description of the carpool route. It is very important that **carpools and students driving to school always arrive via the Washington Street entrance** and not from Glenwood or Wade avenues.

Carpool Database

A Phoenix Parents volunteer creates a map of families interested in carpool arrangements to assist families in forming carpools to and from school. Students who need a carpool must register each year using the link on the Transportation page (under the "Students" tab) of our website. Submitting your information as soon as possible will ensure your best possible chance of finding a workable carpool.

On June 30, you will receive a map of other RCHS families who are interested in carpooling so that you may arrange your student's carpool. The carpool map will be updated and sent to families again on July 14 and August 4. We encourage families to submit their information as soon as possible to have the best chances at finding a workable carpool. Please contact carpool@raleighcharterhs.org with any questions.

Student Parking

Please check the school website in early August for information about purchasing a parking tag on August 10. Students who applied for a spot in the parking lottery will get first choice. Remaining spots will also be sold that day.

School Supplies

For math and science, all students should have a TI 83+, TI 84+, or the equivalent calculator for their class work. Each student should have a planner to keep track of daily homework and scheduling. Teachers may have other individual requests during the first week of school. However, students should attempt to keep their supplies portable because we have no lockers. Teachers will not require a dedicated "binder" for their class alone.

Sports Information

Please check the Athletics tab of the RCHS website (select "Overview") for the times and locations of fall sports' tryouts. ***All prospective student-athletes must have a current physical in order to try out for a team.*** If a student does not have a current physical on the first day of tryouts, he or she will not be allowed to participate. Physicals are good for one calendar year and can be brought to the coach on the first day of tryouts. Forms are available on the RCHS website.

Please be aware that athletics are a significant cost to Raleigh Charter High School. The cost per athlete per sport is greater than \$500. In previous years, we had a participation fee of \$225 for a sport. Current state law does not allow us to charge a fee. Contributions from families to help defray this expense are needed and appreciated.

College Counseling

Seniors who have not yet met with their college counselor should set up an appointment as soon as possible. College Counselors encourage seniors to begin their essay writing for applications and to update their resumes. Seniors should also check recommendation requirements for college applications and ask teachers about writing those recommendations if they are needed.

Second Friday

The Second Friday of school, August 18, will be the annual Club and Sports Fair celebration and pizza party sponsored by Phoenix Parents. School will be dismissed at 1:05 pm, but students are encouraged to stay until 2:40 to eat pizza (\$1/slice), meet new and old friends, and check out the various student activities.