

Tips for the 2018-2019 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. Seniors, 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 RCHS 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 13**. After that, class changes are rarely granted and must be initiated by the teacher. We cannot guarantee any schedule change requests; however, the sooner it is submitted, the more likely we are to be able to honor it.
 - b. Spanish 1, Honors World History, Health, Art 1, 2, & 3, Computer Applications, Honors Chemistry, Honors Civics, Honors English 3, Systems Theory, AP Psychology, AP Physics 1 & C, AP Chemistry, and AP European History had more requests than space. Grade level, GPA, and then random lottery are used in determining placement. Please do not request to switch into these courses.
 - c. Changes cannot be officially requested via email, but questions can be sent to Ms. Huddleston (lhuddleston@raleighcharterhs.org).
5. Payment for the 7th period Health class (\$550) is due in the office on August 14th. 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 early in July. 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 14 in Room 233.

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.

(turn over for more tips!)

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Digital Learning Initiative

All rising 9th and 10th-grade students will be required to bring an **Acer Chromebook R11 Convertible Touchscreen with 4GB of RAM** to school for the 2018-2019 school year. This Chromebook is available online at a variety of retailers including [Amazon Smile](#). We ask that 9th and 10th-grade students bring their Chromebooks to school on August 15. Chromebooks will not be needed at Orientation Day on August 14. Rising juniors and seniors are not required to purchase Chromebooks.

Financial assistance is available. Please contact Lisa Huddleston for more information.

Other School Supplies

For math and science, all students should have a TI 83+, TI 84+, or equivalent calculator for their class work. Each student should have a system 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.

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. Families 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.

The first distribution of the carpool contact list and map of other RCHS families who are interested in carpooling was sent out on June 21. The carpool map will be updated with new entries and sent to families again in mid-July and early-August. Please contact carpool@raleighcharterhs.org with any questions.

Student Parking

Please check the school website in August for information about purchasing a parking tag on August 14. Students who applied for a spot in the parking lottery will get first choice. Remaining spots will also be sold that day.

Sports Information

Please check the Athletics tab of the RCHS website (select “Overview”) for information about sports’ tryouts. ***All prospective student-athletes must have a current physical to try out for a team.*** If a student does not have a current physical on the first day of tryouts, they 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 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 ASAP. We encourage seniors to begin their essay writing for applications and to update their resumes. Seniors should check requirements for college applications and ask teachers about writing recommendations if needed.

Second Friday

The Second Friday of school, August 24, 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.