

End of Year Guide 2019-2020 (COVID-19)

IMPORTANT DATES:

May 7, 2020 - Last day of Independent Learning Days.

May 14, 2020 - Last day to turn in assignments.

May 22, 2020 - Last day of school for 190-day employees.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Grades

- For Kindergarten, students will continue to be assessed using the Kindergarten report card.
- For Grades 1-5, students will not receive a grade for the 4th quarter. Students will receive a Pass/Fail for Semester 2 based on their 3rd quarter grade.
- Students will have multiple opportunities during Independent Learning Days to improve their 3rd quarter grade.
- 70 is the minimum passing score.
- State assessments – including Georgia Milestones EOGs (End of Grade), GAA 2.0, and GKIDS – will not be administered in Georgia this year.

Retention/Promotion

- No student will be retained (held back a year) for the 2019-2020 school year.
- Students who would have been identified as retention candidates will be placed in the next grade level and will receive remediation support during the 2020-2021 school year.

MIDDLE SCHOOLS

Grades

- Students will continue to receive grades and will be able to make-up assignments missed during Independent Learning or re-submit as needed until May 14, 2020.
- If 4th quarter grades lower a student's Semester 2 grade, teachers will use the 3rd quarter grade for Semester 2. If 4th quarter grades are higher than a student's overall Semester 2 grade, teachers will use the 4th quarter grade for Semester 2.
- Carnegie Unit courses will follow high school grading guidance.
- State assessments – including Georgia Milestones EOGs (End of Grade), GAA 2.0, and GKIDS – will not be administered in Georgia this year.

Retention/Promotion

- No student will be retained for the 2019-2020 school year. Placement and promotion decisions will be based on student's performance prior to the start of Independent Learning Days.

HIGH SCHOOLS

Grades and Exams

- Students will receive numerical grades for Semester 2 courses. Students can improve the grades they received in the March 2020 progress report with assignments completed during Independent Learning Days. Incomplete or missing assignments during Independent Learning Days will not lower a student's grades below what they received in the March 2020 progress report.
- There will be no final exams during Independent Learning Days, in alignment with the GA DOE waiver for Milestones EOC (End of Course) exams which removes the 20% calculation of overall grades. The semester grade will be based on the student's coursework and numerical grade.
- Students enrolled in Edgenuity courses will take their unit tests remotely and will not take cumulative exams. Their final grade will use existing grades and not include a cumulative exam.
- Open Campus students will receive numerical grades for Spring 2020 courses. The final grade for Mini-Mester 4 (which started March 16, 2020) will be determined by assignments completed during Independent Learning Days. Assignments (complete and incomplete) during Independent Learning Days will not negatively impact a student's grade.

Retention/Promotion

- Student promotion determined by earned Carnegie Units. Student grades posted in March progress report can be improved or remain the same, but not lowered, with assignments completed during Independent Learning Days.

Proms

All high schools are working on alternative plans to hold proms scheduled for Saturday, **June 20, 2020** (pending COVID-19 pandemic conditions). Schools will communicate details with their students.

Graduations

Commencement ceremonies for the Class of 2020 are scheduled for the following dates (pending COVID-19 pandemic conditions). Schools will communicate details with their students.

- Salem High School - Wednesday, **June 24, 2020**, 7:30 p.m. at Salem High School.
- Rockdale County High School/Rockdale Magnet School for Science and Technology - Thursday, **June 25, 2020**, 7:30 p.m. at Rockdale County High School.
- Heritage High School - Friday, **June 26, 2020**, 7:30 p.m. at Heritage High School.

Valedictorian, Salutatorian, Honor Graduate, Board Scholar

All high schools including RMSST will stop the calculation for valedictorian, salutatorian, honor graduate, and board scholar at the end of Semester 1 grading period.

Transcripts

Copies of transcripts (3 official copies and 1 unofficial copy) will be automatically mailed to all graduating seniors on June 10, 2020. Underclassmen may retrieve unofficial transcripts by signing into Infinite Campus. In addition, high schools are in the process of updating their websites to include a link for transcript requests. This link will be available starting **April 20, 2020**. Underclassmen and past graduates can request official transcripts by going to their school's website and submitting an electronic request through the link.

Scholarships

Please visit www.rockdaleschools.org/scholarships for applications to scholarships for students in Rockdale County.

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ACTIVITIES/YEARBOOKS/FIELD TRIPS/FEES

Please check your school's website and direct any questions regarding applicable fee reimbursements to your child's school administrators.

LAPTOP RETURN

Dates for returning school-issued laptops to your school and retrieving personal items and yearbooks from your school are to be announced (TBA). Those dates and details will be communicated later in April.

STUDENT REGISTRATION

Student registration during the COVID-19 closure will be online at www.rockdaleschools.org/registration. Photos or scans of required documents can be uploaded into the online registration form. Please make sure photos or scans are clear and readable.

Required Documents

To register a child successfully, parents must provide their child's birth certificate, Social Security card, parent's photo ID and proof of custody or guardianship if the person enrolling the child is not the birth parent.

Proof of residence will also be required to register a child for Pre-K or kindergarten, and must be provided in at least one of the following combinations:

- Lease agreement along with electric, water or gas bill
- Lease agreement along with automobile registration
- Property tax receipt along with electric, water or gas bill
- Property tax receipt along with automobile registration

At this time, during the COVID-19 novel coronavirus pandemic, we understand that the health forms normally required (immunization certificate Form 3231, eye/ear/dental/nutrition certificate Form 3300) can be difficult to obtain. These documents can be submitted at a later date.

For more information, visit www.rockdaleschools.org/registration or email register@rockdale.k12.ga.us.

Pre-K lottery registration

- RCPS Georgia Pre-K lottery registration is online at www.rockdaleschools.org/registration
- The window to register for the Pre-K lottery is **April 13-30, 2020**.
- For Georgia Pre-K, children must be 4 years old by September 1st. Parents must provide the documentation described above. Students will be selected for Pre-K programs via a random lottery drawing. Students who are not selected will be placed on a waiting list in the order drawn.
- For more information, visit www.rockdaleschools.org/prek or email Early Learning Director Shauna Miller at smiller2@rockdale.k12.ga.us.

What if I change my address within the county?

All student address changes within RCPS must be validated by the Student Registration office. Please email the withdrawal form of the school you are withdrawing from (obtained from your child's school) AND current proof of residency (proof of residency requires at least 2 items; See "Required Documents" above on this page) to Student Registration at register@rockdale.k12.ga.us.

Do I need to re-register my child if they are going from elementary to middle school or middle to high school within the county?

No, students already attending a school in RCPS and advancing from elementary to middle school [5th to 6th grade] or middle to high school [8th to 9th grade] do not need to re-register.