

COVID-19 FAQ's for Rogers Adventist School

Question:

Are RAS students actually going to be doing in-person learning this year? Really truly?

Answer:

Right now (August 11, 2020 at 2:20 p.m.) yes. We plan to be under our regular schedule (M-Th, 8-3 and F, 8-12) with in-person learning. Certainly this could change, but at this moment we will continue to follow our published RAS Re-Opening Plan.

Question:

Are there requirements on what kind of mask my child can wear?

Answer:

Masks are required anytime students are inside the building. Students may wear a cloth mask (any appropriate pattern), a surgical mask, an N95 mask, or a face shield. RAS is not requiring a specific color or pattern. Parents should provide the mask or shield but RAS will have some masks on hand in case students forget.

Question:

Have you seen that photo on Facebook that shows two panes of plexiglass between desks? The plexiglass keeps kids protected from each other. Can teachers use that? And if so, why do we need to wear masks?

Answer:

We asked WW County Health about that very idea and they said no. Even with the plexiglass, students are required to be masked and six feet apart.

Question:

I see in the RAS Re-Opening Plan that only "essential" visitors are allowed in the school. I'm essential. I'm a parent. Why can't I come in the school?

Answer:

In order to minimize the number of people who come into contact with each other, the only individuals allowed inside the school building are enrolled students and RAS employees. This is only temporary. Under normal circumstances, it is never our intention to try and keep families away from our school. Students AND THEIR FAMILIES make RAS the amazing community that it is. Unfortunately, this safety protocol means that parents will not be able to walk their student into their classrooms. Students who are new to RAS or who are in young grades who would like a friendly RAS teacher escort will be walked to their specific classroom.

Visitors who need to drop off a forgotten item should ring the doorbell and wait for assistance from one of the three staff members ready to take your visit. We will place a table outside with sticky notes for a contactless drop-off for forgotten lunches, etc. Please ring the doorbell if you are leaving an item to be delivered.

Teachers would love to meet with you by appointment. You can contact each teacher directly via their email to schedule a time to meet.

Question:

What about the first day of school picture??? I haven't even met my child's teacher - I'd like to say hello! Can I see what the classroom looks like?

Answer:

We will be taking a photo of every single student with their teacher and will send it to you sometime the first week. Or, you're welcome to schedule an appointment with your child's teacher the week before school starts to ask any questions or check out the room or take your own "first day" picture if you'd like. When I publish classroom placement lists, I will include each teacher's email address so you can schedule a private meeting.

Question:

What does drop-off and pick-up look like?

Answer:

Drop-Off:

Before you arrive each morning, complete the student health screening either online or on the RenWeb Home app. Drop off is between 7:30-8:00 each morning to allow for staggered drop-off.

1. Pull into the RAS parking lot. You may either:
 - a. Pull around the drop-off lane and stop. Mrs. McCrery will come to your car for a quick temperature check and then your child may exit the vehicle.
 - b. OR you may park in the lot and walk your child up and through the temperature check line that Mrs. Bryant will be attending. Signs will indicate where to go.
2. Give your child a big hug.
3. Students who have attended RAS for years and who know where their classroom is are welcome to find their way to their room. Their teacher will be waiting for them.
4. Students who are new to RAS or who are in young grades and would like a friendly RAS teacher escort will be walked to their specific classroom.

Pick-Up:

Pick-up will be just like last year but will be between 3-3:30 p.m. M-Th and 12-12:30 on Friday. Put your student's number (should be arriving in your mailbox soon) in the front window of your car. Either pull through our curbside lane or park in the lot. If you choose to park and get out of your car, please station yourself at one of the indicated spaces on the sidewalk.

Your child's number will be called through our walkie-talkie system and will also flash onto the screen in their classroom. When they see or hear their number, they may gather their belongings and walk out to either meet your car, or meet you standing along the sidewalk. Please wait on the indicated spaces if you choose to wait outside. Teacher escorts available for students who need extra assistance.

Question:

How do I do the health screening?

Answer:

Before you drop your child off each morning, please complete our health screening. You may complete it online or via the RenWeb Home app:

1. If you choose to go online, visit your [Renweb Parents Web Login page](#)
 - a. Log in (same username/password that you used to register your child/check grades)
 - b. In the left hand menu, under the Schools tab, select "Webforms"
 - c. Select "COVID-19 Screening" and complete the 4 question screening.
 - d. If you have multiple students, select Student in the left hand menu and in the drop down at the top, select your other child/ren. Complete steps b and c for each child.
2. If you choose to use the RenWeb Home app, it can be downloaded from the app store (
 - a. Select the "school" icon at the bottom of the app
 - b. Select "webforms"
 - c. Select "COVID-19" screening and complete the 4 question screening
 - d. If you have multiple students, select the Student icon at the bottom of the app and select your other child/ren. Complete steps b and c for each child.

Question:

Will after-school care be an option for Rogers for in-person students?

Answer:

Yes, after care will be provided between 3:30-5:30 M-Th and 12:30-3:30 on Friday. Students will receive a temperature check upon check-in to aftercare. Students will line up on indicated stickers to check in and will be assigned to a specific stickered spot in the commons until all students are checked in.

Once all students are checked in, they will be split into three groups (outside on the playground, inside the gym, inside the commons) to allow for more social distancing.

Students will wash hands often. Games and activities will promote social distancing as much as possible. When inside the school, students will wear masks.

While most students will remain strictly in their classroom cohorts during regular school hours, it will be impossible to keep students in their cohorts during aftercare. Parents who are uncomfortable with this grouping should consider alternative options for the end of the school day.

Question:

Will music classes (handbells, band, orchestra, etc.) be an option for students this school year?

Answer:

Students in grades K-4 will participate in classroom music classes. The classroom activities have been edited to provide for social distancing. K-4 will only participate with their classroom/homeroom cohort. There will be no choir for any students in grades K-8.

Students in grades 5-8 may participate in optional ensemble music classes (orchestra, band, handbells, and steel drums). These classes are optional because we cannot guarantee that students remain with their homeroom cohort. Students who do not participate in afternoon music rotations can be excused to go home or may go to a homeroom cohort study hall. 1 p.m for 7th-8th grade students and 2 p.m for 5th-6th grade students. Students who do not participate in music will not be penalized.

Question:

Can we switch between online or in-person learning? For instance, if we start online and realize that we are comfortable switching to in-person, is that an option? Same for switching from in-person to online?

Answer:

Yes, within reason. For the consistency of education for the student, we would allow one swap, but not multiple. A student would not be allowed to alternate between online and in-person at will.

Question:

What about sports? Will my child be able to play basketball or volleyball?

Answer:

For 5th-8th grade competitive sports, we are on hold. We hope to have a season at some point during this year, but the interactive, after school, competitive sports are being postponed.

During the school day, students will play modified sports/games in PE. Shared equipment at PE and recess will be sanitized after each use and students may be asked to make modifications to

their rules. We still want our students to be able to be active at recess and PE, it will just look slightly different.

Question:

What if my child uses the resource room for math or reading? Will they still get help?

Answer:

If your child is using our online option, they will attend their resource room class in the same way that they attend their other online classes via zoom. It will be a different link and may be at a different time.

If your child is attending in-person, they will still receive resource room instruction. We will try to keep those classes within their cohorts. As we see which students enroll, we'll be able to better determine that outcome.

Question:

I haven't seen a school supply list. When will that be published?

Answer:

The large majority of the supplies are supplied by the school. Each family is charged a school supply fee and teachers use that to provide almost all the supplies your child will need. Parents might be asked to send a handful of personal items like a water bottle or PE shoes, but not much else. That list will be published two weeks before our first day of school.

Question:

Last year you had a Back to School Night. Will you still host this event?

Answer:

This year we will provide a virtual Back to School Night. There are two parts to our traditional Back To School Night:

- Principal's overview of updates for the year
- Teacher's overview of specific classroom happenings

The Principal's part will be pre-recorded and posted online for you to watch anytime, or the teacher will also be showing it in their zoom session. The teacher's part will be presented in classroom specific zoom meetings. We will schedule these so classrooms that have siblings won't compete and parents can attend multiple sessions. The classroom zooms will be scheduled for both the week before school starts and the first week of school.

Question:

My friend's sister's son really needs to be in school. Do you have any room at RAS? Can he register too?

Answer:

It depends. Part of our goal to be in-person leans heavily on social distancing and if our classrooms are packed, we can't continue to add students and still maintain our health and safety protocols. Right now Kindergarten/Pre-1st is full and any new Kindergarten/Pre-1st students are being placed on a waiting list. We have a few spots in other grades, but daily we are getting new applications. If you know of someone hoping to attend, they should contact Mrs. Bryant ASAP to check on availability.