



# Richmond Heights Local Schools

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"It's a New Day for the  
Richmond Heights Way"

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### Richmond Heights Students, Administrators Taking Discovery Flights

**Richmond Heights, Ohio** – In partnership with T&G Flying Club, Northeast Ohio's longest running and largest flying club, a group of six Richmond Heights students, ranging from seventh to twelfth grade, the superintendent and high school principal, are taking Discovery Flights May 13-14. Superintendent Renée Willis and Principal Marnisha Brown will take the lead at 2:00 p.m. Thursday by being the first ones to fly, as they hope to allay any fears and anxieties that their students may have.

Two hour-long flights will occur each day. The flights will take off from Cuyahoga County Airport, and each student and administrator will fly for 30 minutes. Students have the opportunity to log the flight time toward a private pilot license, and T&G is providing students with an introductory flight recording book.

"This is one of many exciting new opportunities for students who are part of our aviation program. I'm thankful for T&G Flight Club and other community partners who are helping us expand our students' knowledge of careers in aviation," said Dr. Renée Willis, Richmond Heights superintendent.

The flights are being offered as part of the school's aviation programming. Aviation exploration begins in seventh grade and aviation curriculum begins in ninth grade. Thanks to the Expanding Opportunities for Each Child grant, the district was recently able to expand its resources in its aviation-designated classroom. They purchased 10 flight simulators, which allow students to get hands-on experience while learning flight navigation from a virtual private pilot. They also have drones so students can earn their FAA Part 107 Small Unmanned Aircraft Certificate.

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