



Renaissance Academy Charter School of the Arts' Reopening School Plan, Fall 2020 Frequently Asked Questions

Stage 1 Questions:

When will students receive their Chromebooks?

Families will be scheduled for an in person orientation during the week of August 24th. Chromebooks, learning resources, and information for parents will be disseminated at that time.

Can students use their own Chromebooks?

We have enough Chromebooks for each student who needs one. That being said, if a family would prefer to use their own device that is permissible. We still advise you bringing home one of the RA Chromebooks in case of technical or software issues.

Will virtual classes be recorded?

Yes, lessons will be recorded and available for students to access at a later time.

What support will you have for families who are having difficulty with the virtual programming?

RA will provide online and in person training for parents. We will also have evening hours on campus and are trying to identify locations in the City of Rochester where we can meet families during week nights.

What apps will classrooms use during virtual learning?

We will be using Google Classroom and Zoom as our foundation for our virtual learning. During parent orientation teachers will train families on Google Classroom and any other apps we will be using. All families will need to be on Bloomz as the classroom communication app.

How will attendance be taken for virtual learning?

Attendance will be taken by teachers during live virtual instruction. If families access the recorded lessons they will need to record that on the Google form provided by the teacher.

Will children get work packets this year for virtual learning?

Yes, we will create paper packets that support the units that will be taught for the first units. Packets will be in the back-to-school resource bag that families will retrieve at the orientation.

If my child was getting extra help during the school year will they still get it?

Yes, time will be devoted during the virtual program and the hybrid programs so students can still participate in their extra help classes.

Will there be homework during virtual learning?

Time is built into the schedule for students to complete their assignments. If you are looking for additional activities we always suggest reading and working on math facts.

What will the school hours be during stage 1 and stage 2?

During stage 1 most classes begin around 9:30 a.m. and the last class ends at 4:00. Each child will receive their grade level's personalized virtual learning schedule in their back-to-school resource bag. During stage 2 students will enter the building, using social distancing and staggering entrances, at 7:50. School will begin dismissing at 3:35. Due to the methods necessary to ensure safety and wellness, dismissal will take longer than in previous years.

Stage 2 Questions:**Will RA provide masks?**

RA will provide 3 masks to each student. Students will receive one mask at orientation. When we reopen in person each student should wear the RA mask to school, when he/she arrives the mask will be traded for a clean one and will be laundered.

Will students be able to have mask breaks?

Yes, guidance indicates that if students are more than 6 feet apart (unless in PE or dance) they can safely remove their masks. RA will set procedures for mask usage in each classroom.

Can I send my child with additional PPE to use?

You may send your child with additional PPE but RA is not responsible for its cleaning or if it gets misplaced or broken.

Will uniforms be required during stage 2?

Yes, we are a uniform school and will remain as such this year. Each student will receive 3 free shirts at orientation.

What happens when a student refuses to wear a mask?

We will work to educate all of our students on the importance of mask wearing. If a child repeatedly refuses to wear a mask that child will have to remain 100% virtual. We cannot risk the health of our school community and families. This is non-negotiable.

How will students social distance on the bus?

The transportation departments for each school district has ensured that the busses will be at half capacity. Students will also be seated one per seat, unless they are seated with family members.

Can we bring treats in for birthdays?

No, we cannot allow visitors or treats in the building for birthday celebrations. We will do all we can to make your child feel special on his/her birthday at school.

What will be done with students or staff who show signs or symptoms of COVID?

If a student shows signs or symptoms of COVID he/she will be isolated in a room, other than the nurse's office, until a family member picks him/her up. The student's family will need to contact their pediatrician to determine next steps. The school nurse will remain in contact with the family to be kept informed of the student's status.

Where can we pick up meals besides RA?

We will provide a list of locations for meal pick up in the back-to-school resource bag.

Will there be hand sanitizers in the classrooms?

All classrooms have hand sanitizer stations installed in them.

Will there be Encore this year?

Yes! Our encore program is very important to us. We will be offering a virtual encore program, the program will NOT be on campus. Mrs. Tobeck will begin registration for all of the wonderful offerings in September.

How will students get their breakfast, lunch and snack in school?

All meals and snacks will be delivered to the classrooms. An important part of this is educating students on proper hygiene before, during, and after eating. Each classroom will set procedures around this and will roll them out to the students when they arrive in the building. Students will eat at their desks and will be responsible for cleaning up after themselves. Teachers and/or students will wipe down student desks before and after meals and snacks.

Will students get recess?

Yes! We believe recess is an important part of a balanced education. We are developing plans and procedures to ensure students can have daily recess in their classrooms and/or outside.

Can we pick up or drop off our students instead of having them take the bus?

Yes, families can still drop off and pick up their students. As we get closer to stage 2 we will have a very specific system for this which will include students being delivered to the cars; adults will not be allowed to enter the building for pick up or at drop off.

When should we keep our children home from school?

Children should be kept home from school if they answer yes to any of the following health screening questions:

- Have you traveled to a state on the NYS do not travel list?
- Have you been in contact with someone who has recently been diagnosed with COVID?
- Is your temperature over 100.0 degrees?

The family handbook also states additional considerations for non-COVID related ailments.

What happens if there is a confirmed case of COVID at RA?

Currently schools have been advised to contact the Monroe County Department of Health to report the case. Once the report has been made the department will advise RA of our next steps.

As parents, can we choose to keep our children 100% virtual once stage 2 begins?

Yes, this is your right. If you have already decided to keep your child 100% virtual please contact Mrs. Pacyga in the front office.

Will there be a school nurse on site daily through the day?

Greece Central School District has hired and assigned Mr. Michael Steinman, RN to be RA's school nurse Monday - Friday. In this region, it is difficult to find substitute school nurses so if Mr. Steinman is absent; we cannot guarantee that there will be coverage.

For students who receive medication will they still be able to have it administered at school?

Yes we will still be able to administer medications to our students. Mr. Steinman and Mrs. Perrello, Medical Director for the Greece Central School District, are creating protocols that we will share with our impacted families.

How will play time and child interaction happen for Kindergarten students?

We are currently researching ways to do this for all of our students. Once the staff comes back we will be able to create processes for this for stage 2.

Will the busses be disinfected every day after each use?

Yes, RCSD transportation will disinfect each bus every day after the students are dropped off at RA.

Can kids wear shields over their faces with the masks RA provides?

Yes, students are able to wear additional PPE if their parents choose so. RA is not responsible for the item if it gets lost, broken, or needs to be cleaned.