

#ReopenWithLove Update

Meal/Technology Distribution, Attendance, Schedule Adjustments

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RPS Love!

All proceeds will go to RPS families in need and local racial justice non-profits.



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Overview

Our transportation fleet and school nutrition services teams deliver over 8,280 meals to over 1,313 stops daily. Meals are delivered via two bus runs: the first occurs between 7 am and 9 am for K-12 students; and the second occurs between 11:45 am and 1:45 am for Pre-K students and other students who need door-to-door service (e.g., medically fragile students). Our distribution network includes twelve schools that serve as meal distribution hubs, where food is packed on buses each morning. Families are also able to obtain food directly at these sites, from 7:30 am - 10:30 am and from 12:00 pm - 1:30 pm.

Northside Hubs	Southside Hubs	East End Hubs	West End Hub
Overby-Sheppard ESHenderson MSMLK MS	 Blackwell ES Broad Rock ES Miles Jones ES Oak Grove-Bellemeade ES Boushall MS Brown MS 	Chimborazo ESArmstrong HS	• Holton ES

Health and Safety Protocols

The following protocols are in place for all meal distribution staff and volunteers:

- Daily screening guides and temperature checks at bus depots and distribution sites
- Mandatory wearing of face masks, fully covering nose and mouth
- Mandatory wearing of gloves by staff preparing and handing out meals
- Mandatory six-foot physical distancing, when possible
- Frequent sanitization of surfaces used for meal preparation
- Daily sanitization of buses

Additional Measures

We are enhancing our health and safety protocols by:

- Providing masks to families that come to pick up meals without face coverings
- Adding signage on school buses requiring mask wearing and physical distancing
- Beginning contactless meal pick-up by placing meals on portable tables at each stop so that families can pick them up without direct interaction with RPS personnel

Overall Data

As the chart below indicates, our meal participation rate is well below our pre-COVID and spring closure rates, but slightly above our summer rate. We are exploring this further to determine why the rate remains low and what we can do to increase it.

Time of Year	Average Meals Served Per Day (2 Meals/Bag)
Virtual Fall 2020 (9/8/20 - 9/16/20)	8,284
COVID Summer 2020 (7/1/20 - 9/7/20)	7,348
COVID Spring 2020 (3/16/20 - 6/31/20)	19,862
Pre-COVID 2019-20 (9/2/19 - 3/15/20)	32,000

Data by Distribution Hub

Distribution Hub	Average Meals Served Per Day	Distribution Hub	Average Meals Served Per Day
Armstrong HS	890	Henderson MS	688
Blackwell ES	888	Holton ES	340
Boushall MS	1,082	Miles Jones ES	606
Broad Rock ES	1,100	MLK MS	504
Brown MS	508	Oak Grove-Bellemeade ES	510
Chimborazo ES	474	Overby-Sheppard ES	694

Technology Distribution

Overview

At this time, as best as we can tell, every RPS family that has communicated a technology need has received the necessary device/s. As Chromebooks/tablets/hotspots malfunction or are lost, we are replacing them on a case-by-case basis.

Chromebooks

To date, we have distributed approximately 16,200 Chromebooks. As noted previously, we have another 10,000 Chromebooks on order. Once they arrive, we will have enough to replace all tablets and maintain a 10% reserve (best practice).

Tablets

To date, we have distributed approximately 4,000 tablets. Starting the week of 9-28, we will distribute tablets to any Pre-K students who need them. (As noted previously, we started the year off technology for Pre-K students).

Hotspots

To date, we have distributed approximately 10,000 hotspots. Starting the week of 9-28, we will distribute hotspots to any preschool students who need them.

Attendance: Average for First 8 Days of School Year*

School	2019-20	2020-21	School	2019-20	2020-21
Albert Hill Middle School	517	516	John B. Cary Elementary	276	251
Amelia Street School (Including 13 Acres)	30	31	John Marshall High School	544	440
Armstrong High School	786	746	Linwood Holton Elementary School	584	522
Barack Obama Elementary School	331	340	Lucille M. Brown Middle School	860	708
Bellevue Elementary School	213	206	Martin Luther King Jr. Middle School	709	622
Binford Middle School	457	460	Mary Munford Elementary School	516	463
Blackwell Elementary School	402	436	Miles J. Jones Elementary School	669	568
Thomas C. Boushall Middle School	820	501	Oak Grove-Bellemeade Elementary School	659	570
Broad Rock Elementary School	924	705	Open High School	194	191
Cardinal Elementary School	697	843	Overby-Sheppard Elementary School	368	290
Chimborazo Elementary School	359	404	Patrick Henry School of Science and Arts	350	343
Elizabeth D. Redd Elementary School	409	404	Richmond Alternative School (Including Aspire)	123	244
Fairfield Court Elementary School	448	273	Richmond Career Education & Employment Academy	38	25
Franklin Military Academy	374	369	Richmond Community High School	236	227
G.H. Reid Elementary School	680	681	River City Middle School	909	1458
George W. Carver Elementary School	429	401	Southampton Elementary School	395	402
George Wythe High School	1,259	1,322	Swansboro Elementary School	207	197
Ginter Park Elementary School	305	303	Thomas H. Henderson Middle School	407	457
Henry L. Marsh III Elementary School	362	494	Thomas Jefferson High School	685	791
Huguenot High School	1,253	1,208	Westover Hills Elementary School	391	410
J. B. Fisher Elementary School	289	260	William Fox Elementary School	450	388
J. L. Francis Elementary School	577	575	Woodville Elementary School	352	372
			Total	21,843	21,417

*Note that some of the larger year-over-year changes are expected due to rezoning.

Elementary Schedule Adjustments

Key Pieces of Feedback We Heard at the Elementary Level

- The day is rather long, particularly for K-2.
- Going back and forth from synchronous to asynchronous is challenging, particularly for K-2.
- Having different times for lunch makes it challenging for families with multiple elementary-aged children.

Draft Changes at the Elementary Level

- The day is now shorter for K-2.
- All whole group, synchronous instruction now happens in the morning. Small group, asynchronous, and individualized work is in the afternoon.
- Lunch is at the same time for all elementary grades.

Draft Adjusted K-2 Schedule

Time	Component	
9:15 – 9:30	Community Circle (Synchronous)	
9:30 – 10:00	English Language Arts (Synchronous)	
10:00 – 10:05	Movement Break	
10:05 – 10:45	Math (Synchronous)	
10:45 – 10:50	Movement Break	
10:50 – 11:20	Science/Social Studies or Encore (Synchronous/Asynchronous)	
11:20 – 11:50	Science/Social Studies or Encore (Synchronous/Asynchronous)	
End of Whole Group Synchronous for the Day		
11:50 – 12:30	Lunch and Recess	
12:30 – 2:00	Small Group Literacy Rotations (Synchronous/Asynchronous)	
2:00 – 2:30	Individualized Support (Synchronous/Asynchronous)	

Draft Adjusted **3-5** Schedule

Time	Component	
9:15 – 9:30	Community Circle (Synchronous)	
9:30 – 10:35	English Language Arts (Synchronous)	
10:35 – 10:45	Movement Break	
10:45 – 11:50	Math (Synchronous)	
11:50 – 12:30	Lunch and Recess	
12:30 – 1:00	Science/Social Studies or Encore (Synchronous/Asynchronous)	
1:00 – 1:30	Science/Social Studies or Encore (Synchronous/Asynchronous)	
End of Whole Group Synchronous for the Day		
1:30 – 3:00	Small Group Literacy Rotations (Synchronous/Asynchronous)	
3:00 – 3:30	Individualized Support (Synchronous/Asynchronous)	

Middle School Schedule Adjustments

Key Pieces of Feedback We Heard at the Middle School Level

- The day is rather long.
- The 6-period schedule is particularly challenging given all the transitions.

Draft Changes at the Middle School Level

- The day is now shorter for both middle school schedules.
- We are exploring the feasibility of transitioning the middle schools that currently have the 6-period schedule to the 4-period schedule.

Draft Adjusted 6-8 Schedule (4-Period)

Time	Component
9:15 – 9:30	Community Circle (Synchronous)
9:30 – 10:45	First Period (Synchronous/Asynchronous)
10:45 – 11:00	Break
11:00 – 12:15	Second Period (Synchronous/Asynchronous)
12:15 – 12:45	Lunch
12:45 – 2:00	Third Period (Synchronous/Asynchronous)
2:00 – 2:15	Break
2:15 – 3:30	Fourth Period (Synchronous/Asynchronous)
3:30 – 4:00	Individualized Support (Synchronous/Asynchronous)

Draft Adjusted 6-8 Schedule (6-Period)*

Time	Component
9:15 – 9:30	Community Circle (Synchronous)
9:30 – 10:20	First Period (Synchronous/Asynchronous)
10:20 – 10:25	Transition
10:25 – 11:15	Second Period (Synchronous/Asynchronous)
11:15 – 11:20	Transition
11:20 – 12:10	Third Period (Synchronous/Asynchronous)
12:10 – 12:40	Lunch
12:40 – 1:30	Fourth Period (Synchronous/Asynchronous)
1:30 – 1:35	Transition
1:35 – 2:25	Fifth Period (Synchronous/Asynchronous)
2:25 – 2:30	Transition
2:30 – 3:20	Sixth Period (Synchronous/Asynchronous)
3:20 – 4:00	Individualized Support (Synchronous/Asynchronous)

*We are exploring the feasibility of shifting the middle schools that are currently on a 6-period schedule to a 4-period schedule, as doing so would help limit transitions and allow for more asynchronous opportunities during each period. The schedule presented on this slide is what we would use if we were NOT able to make the shift.

High School Schedule Adjustments

Key Pieces of Feedback We Heard at the High School Level

- Many teachers still feel compelled to teach synchronously for all 90 minutes.
- Students who need to work afternoon jobs are not able to do so given the schedule.

Draft Changes at the High School Level

- The four periods are split into synchronous and asynchronous portions. This will provide more clarity for teachers and ensure students have ample asynchronous time.
- Since the last two periods of the day are now asynchronous, students who have afternoon jobs can complete the work from those periods in the evening.

Draft Adjusted 9-12 Schedule

Time	Component	
9:15 – 9:30	Community Circle (Synchronous)	
9:30 – 10:15	First Period (Synchronous)	
10:15 – 10:20	Transition	
10:20 – 11:05	Second Period (Synchronous)	
11:05 – 11:50	First Period (Asynchronous, Assigned During the Synchronous Portion Earlier)	
11:50 – 12:35	Second Period (Asynchronous, Assigned During the Synchronous Portion Earlier)	
12:35 – 1:05	Lunch	
1:05 – 1:50	Third Period (Synchronous)	
1:50 – 1:55	Transition	
1:55 – 2:40	Fourth Period (Synchronous)	
Students Who Have Afternoon Jobs Could Complete the Asynchronous Portions of 3 rd and 4 th Period in the Evening		
2:40 - 3:25	Third Period (Asynchronous, Assigned During the Synchronous Portion Earlier)	
3:25 – 4:10	Fourth Period (Asynchronous, Assigned During the Synchronous Portion Earlier)	