



Rutherford County Virtual School: Application Process for the 2022-23 School Year

Thank you for your interest in the Rutherford County Virtual School. The mission of RCVS is to provide a high quality, rigorous curriculum best suited to meet each student's individual learning needs.

The application process for RCVS will open on March 1, 2022 and will remain open through April 29, 2022. All applicants will be notified of application status by June 1, 2022. Completed applications should be completed and submitted with the linked application at the bottom of this form. If you have questions about the application or process, please call our school office at 615-904-3790.

Current RCVS students must have completed the intent to return form by 2/25/22 or will need to reapply.

Please review all of the information below before you submit an application to ensure that the Virtual School is a good instructional fit for your child and your family.

Step 1: What are the student and parental responsibilities?

Please read the success criteria [here](#) before proceeding.

Step 2: What are the eligibility requirements?

Please read the eligibility requirements [here](#) before proceeding.

Step 3: Read the remaining information below.

Step 4: Apply with the link at the bottom of this form.

Online School Day: Synchronous vs. Asynchronous Instruction

Elementary and Middle School:

While students spend some time each day working asynchronously away from the computer, they are expected to attend synchronous, daily instruction, and to interact with their teachers and classmates.

- Synchronous Instruction: Using Zoom and Schoology, students will be learning in a class together with a live teacher. Students are expected to attend all scheduled classes and to interact with their teachers and classmates. Camera use is mandatory. Any student

not using his/her camera will be removed from the class zoom and counted absent.

- Asynchronous Instruction: Students will access learning activities via Schoology that have been planned and developed by their teachers. Students will engage in these activities away from the camera and will require learning coach supervision and support appropriate to their ages and developmental levels.

High School:

- Synchronous Instruction: Using Zoom, students will have a synchronous Math class Monday- Thursday. Students are expected to attend all scheduled classes and to interact with their teachers and classmates. Camera use is mandatory. Any student not using his/her camera will be removed from the class zoom and counted absent.

- Asynchronous Instruction: Students will access learning activities via Pearson Connexus that have been planned and developed by their teachers. Students will engage in these activities away from the camera and will require learning coach oversight on a daily basis to ensure assignments are turned in and attendance requirements are being met.

Calendar

The Virtual School will operate on the [same school calendar](#) as the rest of the schools in our district. This includes adjustments due to inclement weather.

Attendance Procedures and Policies

Online School students will follow the same attendance requirements as students at face-to-face schools. Attendance throughout the day will be documented by the teacher via zoom log and/or work completion. Students are expected to promptly log-in to classes and remain engaged throughout the class period/school day. Students are expected to attend all virtual instruction sessions. Student attendance will be marked in Skyward.

Should county-wide technology or connectivity issues occur, students will not be marked as absent. Absences related to individual technology issues in the home will only be marked excused with parent/guardian confirmation. Otherwise, it will result in an unexcused absence. Should individual technology issues in the home lead to accumulated absences (excused or unexcused), the student will be returned to face-to-face school at the semester mark.

Special Services

Eligible students with disabilities will receive services and/or accommodations through their Individualized Education Program (IEPs) or 504 plans. The student's team may need to meet to discuss needs specific to online learning.

English Learner students will receive appropriate support services depending upon their level of language acquisition and specific identified needs.

Standardized Testing

Virtual School students will be required to take the same benchmarks and state standardized tests as all other Rutherford County students. This will entail students being required to travel to our location in Smyrna, TN and attend face-to-face at various times throughout the year with transportation being the responsibility of the parent/guardian.

In-Person Required Attendance:

- Case Benchmark tests: Plan for 2 days in Semester 1 and 2
- State testing (TCAP and EOC): Plan for 2-5 days total
- Testing Bootcamp: Plan for 1-3 days
- ACT test for Juniors: Test in March
- ACT test for Seniors: Test in October
- WorkKeys test for Seniors
- PreACT Test for 8th Grade: Test in October
- AP Testing: Only if enrolled in AP Course
- PSAT for 9th Grade: Test in October (Optional)
- WIDA: Only for ESL Students
- Civics Exam for Seniors
- 12th Grade Senior Meetings: Plan for 1 day in the Fall and 1 in the Spring
- Orientation: 1-3 days

Year Commitment

Submitting an application to RCVS indicates a request and commitment on the part of the student and parent/guardian to remain in RCVS for the entire 2022-2023 school year.

Probationary Period

Rutherford County Virtual School requires students to meet all conditions that foster a successful online education. During the first 21 days of enrollment, if any student has unexcused absences or fails to turn in work on time during the first three weeks of school, that student will be issued a return-to-zoned school letter and unenrolled within the Virtual School. Each student will be evaluated at the end of each semester for attendance and grades. Any student failing two or more classes and/or at Tier II level truancy will be issued a return-to-zoned school letter and unenrolled within the virtual school.

In-Person Activities

Each Friday students have the option to participate in our *Connection Friday* activities and monthly club meetings. The school day is divided into three equal parts and each age group (elementary, middle, and high school) has optional on-site and virtual activities to foster connections between students and teachers. All activities are optional, and parents need to provide transportation.

Sports

RCVS students can play sports at their zoned school after they undergo a transfer rule time period. See example question below:

If my child transfers from another school, can they still participate in sports at their zoned school?

The TSSAA looks at this as an athletic transfer to a new school.

- If the student has no athletic record at their zoned school in the previous twelve months and transfers to the virtual school, they would be eligible.
- If a student with an athletic record at their zoned school transfers to the virtual school, they would be ineligible to play on the varsity level in that sport for twelve months.
- The student could practice and participate on the junior varsity level until that time provided, they meet the JV guidelines. (12 months)

High School Courses and Pathways

In making your decision about enrollment with Rutherford County Virtual School, you must take our course offerings into consideration. RCVS does not provide all classes and pathways offered at the traditional zoned schools. Please view the attached list of classes that will currently be offered for the 2022-2023 school year.  [RCVS-Pearsons HS Course Offerings 2022-23.pdf](#)

Dual Enrollment

RCVS partners with Motlow State Community College in Smyrna and MTSU to provide both online and in-person opportunities for our juniors and seniors that meet eligibility requirements. If accepted to RCVS, our School Counselors will be happy to discuss this option with you. A Dual Enrollment interest meeting will be held in late July 2022 also.

Questions

After careful review of this information, additional questions regarding the Rutherford County Virtual School may be forwarded to the [school](#).

Ready to Apply?

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Submitting an application does not guarantee enrollment at Rutherford County Virtual School.



APPLICATION: [CLICK HERE!](#)