

Rocklin Virtual Campus Enrollment News (2021-2022)

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Dear Families and Staff Members,

While many of our students returned to campus full time, five days a week earlier this week, we understand the need for flexibility for our students and families. This message is to announce that the Rocklin Unified School District will continue the Rocklin Virtual Campus for the 2021-2022 school year and also provides answers to Frequently Asked Questions.

The Rocklin Virtual Campus (RVC) was launched in June 2020 to provide an educational alternative for students interested in full time Distance Learning. For the 2021-22 school year, there will be three different models for RVC: Elementary, Middle School and High School. Students in grades TK-6 will participate in the Rocklin Virtual Campus through the Rocklin Alternative Education Center (RAEC) while students in grades 7-12 will participate in RVC through their traditional sites.

Rocklin Unified is hosting three Informational Meetings for families that may be interested in the RVC option for the upcoming school year and would like more information or have additional questions. Current and prospective RVC students will need to <u>complete the Interest Form by Friday, April 23, 2021</u>: https://docs.google.com/forms/ d/e/1FAIpQLSfocrU5V7NcXzASb_G9jlieXbNW3NV-ZZN19k5zwr7mY6SN9w/viewform . Once the Interest Form is submitted, students/families will be contacted with next steps for enrolling in RVC.

Virtual Informational Meetings:

• Middle School Level: Thursday, April 15 at 5:30 p.m.:

https://rocklinusd.zoom.us/j/84598271186?pwd=MUFBWTR3VTU2eSs4R3hhWXNiY2R4dz09

• High School Level: Thursday, April 15 at 6:30 p.m.:

https://rocklinusd.zoom.us/j/83692390350?pwd=VklBaSs0R3B0NjUxMkNkUEVMNDd4QT09

 Elementary School Level: Tuesday, April 20, 2021 at 6 p.m.: https://rocklinusd.zoom.us/j/88528151520?pwd= SXBIeHJIakJCb1hvVE8wSHFUaHInQT09

Frequently Asked Questions:

What is Rocklin Virtual Campus (RVC)?

RVC offers the excellence in education you've come to expect from Rocklin Unified from the comfort of your home. This educational alternative is tuition-free and part of the Rocklin Unified School District. Enrollment is open to all students in grades TK-12.

Students participating in this option will be enrolled in online learning in one of three models.

- Elementary students (grades TK-6) will be utilizing the Board adopted curriculum with online supplemental differential tools.
- Secondary students (grades 7-12) will participate in a model that is a cohort of students within a traditional school.
 - Middle School students (grades 7-8) will utilize a blend of Edgenuity and RUSD curriculum, depending on the course. All students will have access to content area teachers in English and math, if enrollment allows.
 - High School students (grades 9-12) will utilize a blend of Edgenuity and RUSD curriculum, depending on the course. Students will have online facilitation teachers for morning check-in, teach Social Emotional Learning (SEL) lessons and monitor student progress in courses. Content area support sections would be offered for core courses, if enrollment allows. Students may access in-person classes for specialized courses.

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- In grades 7-12, the content of the courses are of high academic quality and are aligned with district standards and curricula. As appropriate, courses may be self-directed to allow students to complete assignments at their own pace and/or may involve real-time interaction among the teacher and students.
- Edgenuity is an online, video-based curriculum platform that offers a variety of courses including world language, AP, CTE and elective courses. Edgenuity utilizes a video-based instructional model where students can watch teachers model skills and concepts to support focused contextual learning. Students engage in teacher-led instruction videos, interactive course content and assessments for understanding.

Elementary students interested in participating in Rocklin Virtual Campus will be required to fill out an Application for Intra-District Attendance. Once approved, students will be enrolled in RVC and no longer registered to their traditional school site. All families participating in RVC will sign the student/family expectations document prior to confirming enrollment.

Elementary students participating in RVC will receive daily online check-ins, daily scheduled, live instruction in English Language Arts and mathematics via a virtual platform (such as Zoom or Google Meet), independent practice in English Language Arts and mathematics, video instruction and independent practice in social studies and science, additional scheduled, live small group instruction, and structured social opportunities provided by RUSD's credentialed teachers.

Secondary students interested in participating in Rocklin Virtual Campus will fill out the RVC Interest Form. Once the form is received, the traditional school site will follow up with families regarding successful placement of the student. All families participating in RVC will sign the Student/Family Expectations Document prior to confirming enrollment.

Students in middle and high school will be assigned an RUSD teacher who will facilitate daily online check-ins, answer questions, monitor progress in online courses, and facilitate assessments. Students will also have access to content area support instructors for core courses, if enrollment allows, by RUSD's credentialed teachers.

Is my student a good fit for Rocklin Virtual Campus?

To learn more about the ideal RVC student, please click on either of the following:

- Elementary student
- Middle/High school student

Is there a deadline for enrollment?

Yes. Families interested in enrolling their child should enroll by Friday, April 23, 2021. Enrollment by this deadline will ensure space is available and teaching staff is in place to support all TK-12 online learners. Students who are enrolled after the April 23 deadline will only be enrolled if space is available.

How do I enroll my student?

Existing RUSD Students: Students already enrolled in RUSD who wish to enroll in RVC should complete this Interest Form. Someone will contact you with next steps.

New RUSD Students (living within RUSD boundary): New to RUSD students should register for RUSD at www.rocklinusd.org/Parents/Registration. You will be prompted to select your residence school. Once you have completed your registration for your residence school, please complete the RVC Interest Form to indicate your preference to attend the Rocklin Virtual Campus.

New RUSD students (living outside RUSD boundary): New to RUSD students should start by completing an Inter-District Attendance Permit. Once this has been approved, complete the "New RUSD Student" instructions above.

Who will be my child's teacher?

RVC teachers are credentialed teachers who are part of the Rocklin Unified School District.

Elementary:

RVC teachers will provide synchronous instruction daily in English Language Arts and mathematics via a virtual platform (such as Zoom or Google Meet), asynchronous practice in English Language Arts and mathematics, asynchronous instruction and practice in social studies and science, additional small group instruction, and structured social opportunities.

Secondary:

RVC facilitator teachers will provide support, course monitoring, and instruction to students in addition to the instruction students receive through their online learning platform (Edgenuity). Prior to the start of the year, parents/guardians will

have access to see the assigned teacher in the Aeries Parent Portal. Students will also have access to content area support instructors for core courses, if enrollment allows.

Are students able to transfer back and forth between Rocklin Virtual Campus and traditional school?

For the benefit of all students, students and families are highly encouraged to make a year-long commitment to RVC or traditional school settings. If a transfer is needed, students and families are highly encouraged to transfer at natural breaks in the year (ie, quarter, trimester, semester, or natural school breaks).

If a transfer is requested, the following process will apply:

Students requesting a transfer into RVC once school has started will be placed on a waiting list and enrolled if space is or becomes available.

Students are able to transfer from RVC to traditional school settings and will be placed on a waiting list and enrolled if space is or becomes available. If students wish to transfer to a traditional school setting during the school year and space is not available at their residence school, another RUSD school will be offered.

Will my student still receive a diploma from Rocklin or Whitney High School?

Yes. Students participating in RVC who complete their graduation requirements will receive a diploma from their traditional school.

Is my student able to participate in athletics and/or student activities?

Yes. Secondary students enrolled in RVC are eligible to participate in extracurricular activities in the school in which they are concurrently enrolled. Students must meet the same extracurricular activity eligibility requirements as students enrolled in the traditional day program, including, but not limited to, high school athletic codes and any applicable California Interscholastic Federation (CIF) requirements. Student residency for purposes of participating in extracurricular activities will be determined in accordance with applicable state law and CIF guidelines.

RVC students may be able to participate in other activities at their home schools, such as book fairs, dances, clubs, etc. as situations allow. More details to be determined as the school year begins.

What academic supports are available for my student?

RVC has built in academic supports to meet a range of learning needs. Students will be placed in their grade-level appropriate courses and participate in initial pre-assessments to identify which supports may be appropriate to them. If needed, students can meet with their RUSD teacher to receive additional practice and/or receive additional practice to master standards. Course content within RVC can also be differentiated to meet the learning needs of students. There are opportunities for advancement as well as reteaching as necessary.

What social-emotional and/or counseling supports are available for my student?

Social-emotional learning lessons will be infused into students' morning meetings, including opportunities to learn study skills, self-management skills, and tools for understanding their emotions.

Students in RVC also have the opportunity to have social/emotional counseling support from both Rocklin Unified counselors and our community-based mental health supports, including Wellness Together Mental Health Specialists.

For students in grades 7-12, Rocklin Unified will utilize counseling personnel to assist with academic, career, and social needs as they arise for students enrolled in online options. High school students will work with the high school counselor from their school of residence and will be assisted with developing a four year educational plan based on student transcripts, standardized assessments, career interests and other pertinent data. This educational plan will be reviewed periodically to assess its appropriateness and progress toward completion.

If my child has an Individual Education Plans (IEPs), will this school meet their needs?

Placement decisions for students with IEPs (Individualized Education Plans) will be made on an individual basis through the IEP process.

If my child is an English Learner, will this school meet their needs?

RVC is available for English Learners. The traditional school Student Study Team committee will meet to determine if the Rocklin Virtual Campus meets their language support needs and/or any reasonable accommodations.

If my child has been identified for Gifted and Talented Education (GATE) or needs a variety of Advanced Placement (AP) course options, will this school meet their needs?

RVC is available for students requesting GATE, AP, and Career Technical Education (CTE). There are opportunities for extension and exploration built in at all educational levels. Additionally, there are a number of AP, CTE, and A-G courses provided at the high school level. Students in grades 9-12 will meet (virtually) with a counselor at their residence school to select courses that meet their graduation plan/educational pathway. Edgenuity courses meet University of California A-G, National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Clearinghouse, and College Board accreditation, and standards.

Will we sign a contract?

Parents/guardians and students will sign a document detailing the expectations of this online learning environment.

How will my child be graded?

Grading of distance learning assignments and assessments of end-of-course knowledge and understanding of the subject matter shall be consistent with district policy on grading for equivalent courses.

How can I find out more information?

To find additional information, visit RVC's website @ rvc.rocklinusd.org.

Additional questions can be directed to the district office at 916-624-2428 or by emailing RVCinfo@rocklinusd.org.

Thank you,

Rocklin Unified School District