



Welcome to  
*THEE*  
Renton High  
School

Pride \* *Tradition* \* Excellence



*Part 1*

# *SUCCESS* at Renton High School



Welcome to  
*Thee* Renton  
High School  
9<sup>th</sup> grade  
Counselor  
Ms. Pike



# The Basics 9<sup>th</sup> graders need to know



*Pathway to Graduation*



Graduation Requirements



Typical 9<sup>th</sup> grade Schedule



Bell Schedule and High School and Beyond Plan



Meet your 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Team!



### ***Pathway to Graduation:***

You have FOUR (4) years to achieve all your graduation requirements including 26 credits, passing all state standard tests, 20 hours of community service, and submitting your High School and Beyond Plan (HSBP).

Each year we have 3 trimesters

Each trimester you have 5 classes plus an advisory

Each class is worth .5 credit

5 classes each trimester=2.5 credits

3 trimesters a year= 7.5 potential credits you can earn each year

7.5 credits X 4 years = 30 potential credits you can earn. **You can start earning college credit early that can transfer.**

Failed classes **do not count**, and you will have to retake them which can put you off track to on time graduation



<u>English</u>	4	credits (1 each year)
<u>Math</u>	3	Algebra 1 or Integrated Math 1 Geometry or Integrated Math 2 A 3 <sup>rd</sup> credit of math*
<u>Science</u>	3	At least two lab science credits A 3 <sup>rd</sup> credit of science
<u>Social Studies</u>	3	10 <sup>th</sup> , 11 <sup>th</sup> and 12 <sup>th</sup> grade
<u>Arts</u>	2	Fine Arts <u>or 4 credits if you don't do 2 credits of World Language</u>
<u>World Language</u>	2	<u>Optional but most colleges require 2 years of World Language</u>
<u>Health and Fitness</u>	2	.5 credits of Health 1.5 credits of Fitness/PE
<u>Career &amp; Technical</u>	1	
<u>Electives</u>	8	<u>Total 26 credits</u>

Renton High  
School  
Graduation  
Requirements

# RHS Typical 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Schedule

- Language Arts: LA 9A and 9B
  - Math: Algebra Fundamentals, Algebra 1 A, Algebra 1B
  - PE: PE Fundamentals and 2 other PE classes
  - Science: Physics A and Biology A
  - Health
  - High School Success
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- This totals 13 classes so there is room for 2 more elective classes
  - Schedule may differ if you are in Band, Orchestra, Acapella, Spanish and/or other programs.
  - We take your requests into consideration but 12<sup>th</sup> graders and upper classman are given priority in scheduling so you may not get your requested electives. But we try our best
  - **NO SCHEDULE CHANGES UNLESS YOU HAVE ALREADY TAKEN THE CLASS. NO EXCEPTIONS.**
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# Bell Schedule

## Monday - Thursday

Period	Time
1	07:20a - 08:30a
2	08:35a - 09:45a
3	09:50a - 11:05a
Lunch	11:05a - 11:35a
4	11:40a - 12:50p
5	12:55p - 02:03p

## Friday with Advisory

Period	Time
1	08:50a - 09:35a
2	09:40a - 10:25a
Advisory	10:30a - 11:00a
3	11:05a - 11:53a
Lunch	11:53a - 12:23p
4	12:28p - 01:13p
5	01:13p - 02:03p

9<sup>th</sup> graders are NOT allowed to go off campus for lunch and may bring their lunch, eat in the cafeteria or buy lunch in the student store. This is due to large number of students leaving campus and returning late to class.

## Friday without Advisory

Period	Time
1	08:50a - 09:42a
2	09:47a - 10:39a
3	10:44a - 11:40a
Lunch	11:40a - 12:10p
4	12:15p - 01:07p
5	01:12p - 02:03p





# Renton High School High School & Beyond Planning Requirements

- To graduate from high school, all students must develop a High School and Beyond Plan on how they will meet the high school graduation requirements and what they will do following high school.
  1. A student's plan, which starts in middle school and is revised as they move forward, should include the classes need to prepare for a post-secondary pathway, such as a two-year or four-year college, technical college, apprenticeship program, certificate program, the workforce or military training.

## **Required elements of the High School and Beyond Plan, at a minimum, are:**

- Identification of career goals based on a career interest and skills inventory or assessment, Identification of educational goals,
- The High School & Beyond Plan must be updated each year to reflect high school assessment results and to review transcripts, assess progress toward identified goals, and revised as necessary for changing interests, goals and needs.
- The plan must identify available interventions and academic support, courses, or both, that are designed for students who have not met the high school graduation standard, to enable them to meet the standard.
- All 9<sup>th</sup> grader complete the initial plan in High School Success class and then will work on it each year in Advisory





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*International Baccalaureate  
Program*

# IB – A pathway to being a global citizen



# Why do IB Classes?



Worldwide Educational  
Program



Rigorous College  
Preparation

Recognized by  
world's most  
prestigious colleges  
and universities



Independent Thinking



Explore your subject



Global Engagement



# The IB at RHS

## Options for grade 11/12

### IB DIPLOMA

- do all IB classes
  - CAS, ToK, EE
  - IB Diploma AS WELL AS A High School Diploma

### IB CERTIFICATE

- Take one or more IB classes



# Why Would I do the Full Diploma?



Counselor  
Recommendation  
– highest challenge

Be the best YOU  
possible

Preferential  
College Entrance

IB “Family” in your  
cohort

Best college  
preparation  
available

Committed to the  
challenge



# Why would I take IB Certificates?



High level of college  
preparedness



College credits



Balance your life



Stay connected  
to Renton High  
School

Leadership  
opportunities  
Support network





# Why do IB students succeed?



Curiosity



Time Management



Determination and Resilience



Confidence



Critical Thinkers



Global Perspective – get involved



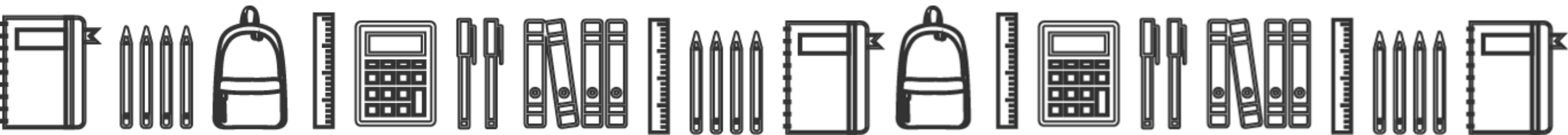
# How can I find out more?

- **Contact the District IB Coordinator, Malcolm Collie**
- [Malcolm.collie@rentonschools.us](mailto:Malcolm.collie@rentonschools.us)
- **425 204 3417**
  
- **Look at the IB and RHS Web Pages**
- <https://www.ibo.org/programmes/diploma-programme/>
- <https://rentonhs.rentonschools.us/programs/ib>
  
- **Look out for IB information presentations**
- During classes
- At lunch times/after school
- Evening presentations for families

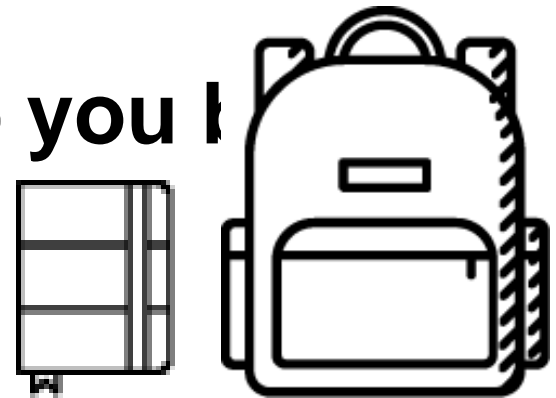




# Tips for Being Successful in High School

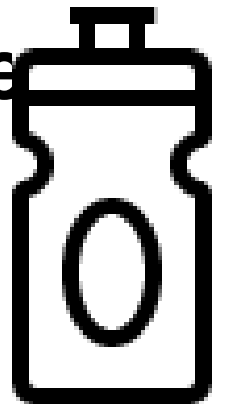


- Figure out what will help you be **organized**: a binder, folders for each class, handwritten or typed notes, etc.
- Staying organized starts with an organized backpack/binder/notes/planner.
- Find another student or an adult to help you be **accountable**.



- **Don't give up**, there are solutions.
- If you get overwhelmed, you don't have to do it all at once.
- Limit your distractions in class, **prioritize your learning!**
- Get enough sleep, fresh air, drink a lot of water

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- Take detailed notes (that work for you) in each class.
- Learning new information requires **studying**.
- Check canvas and your email daily.
- **Turn in what you have**, even if it is not fi  
Some credit is better than none!



- Ask questions, every question is important.
- **Create strong relationships** with teachers, get to know them and let them get to know you.
- **Use your resources!**
- If you need support, reach out to your teacher or one of us!

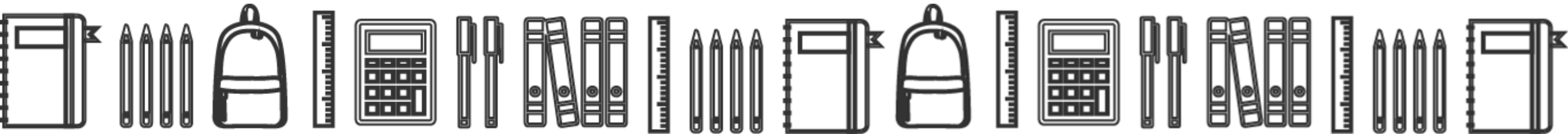


# Meet your Renton HS AACs



**9TH GRADE  
AACs**

**11TH & 12TH GRADE  
AACs**



# Individual check-ins

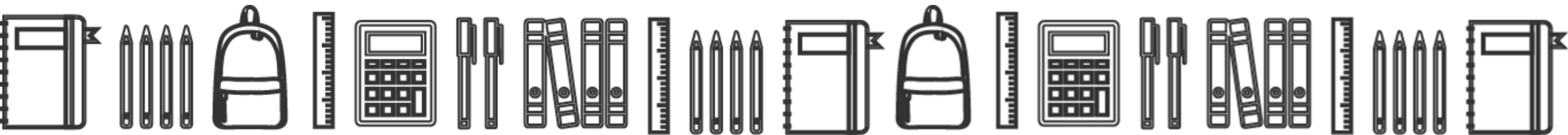
- **Grade Checks**
- **Classroom pull outs**
- **Meetings with counselor**



**We're in  
Room 266!**

*\*request to see one  
of us in the  
Counseling office!*

# Push-In to Classrooms

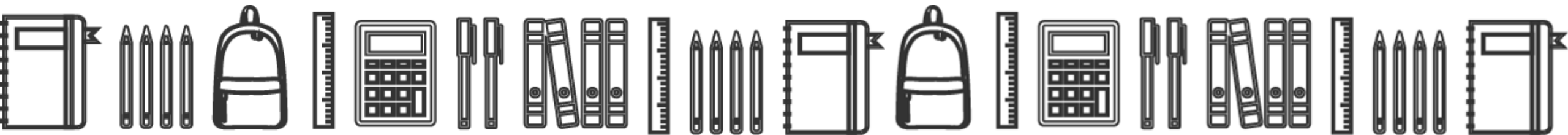


# Homework Help Center

- Mondays - Thursdays, 2pm - 4pm
- AACs and teachers available
- Open to anyone

## Scholar Saturdays

- 9am - 3pm with breakfast & lunch
- Signups with AACs



*Part 2*

# *Supports for SUCCESS*





# *Welcome to the* *TLC*

The Learning Complex:

- Library
- Career Center
- Communities in Schools





# Ms. Barut-del Fierro or Ms. Del

- Proud RHS Staff since 2009
- Former LA teacher
- Librarian



# Welcome to the Library in the TLC

## Why?

- Check out books
- Printing
- Research
- Technology (green screen, podcast cubes, etc.)
- Large workspaces
- Collaboration
- Homework Help Center

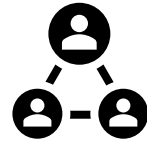
## How?

- Drop in before school, lunch, after school
- Get a signed green pass from your teacher during class time





# Welcome to your Career Center



The future you  
begins with  
the you of today



A resource



Your next step, or steps,  
after you graduate from  
Thee Renton High School



The  
Career Center is  
operated by  
  
Ms. Nichola  
Fulmer,  
College & Career  
Specialist



The  
Career Center  
is supported by:

Mrs. Terry Derrig,  
Apprenticeship, Internship and  
Worksite Learning Coordinator

&

Ms. Michele Johnson,  
CTE Program Specialist



# Your Postsecondary Options



Apprenticeship



Community or Technical College



Direct Workforce Entry



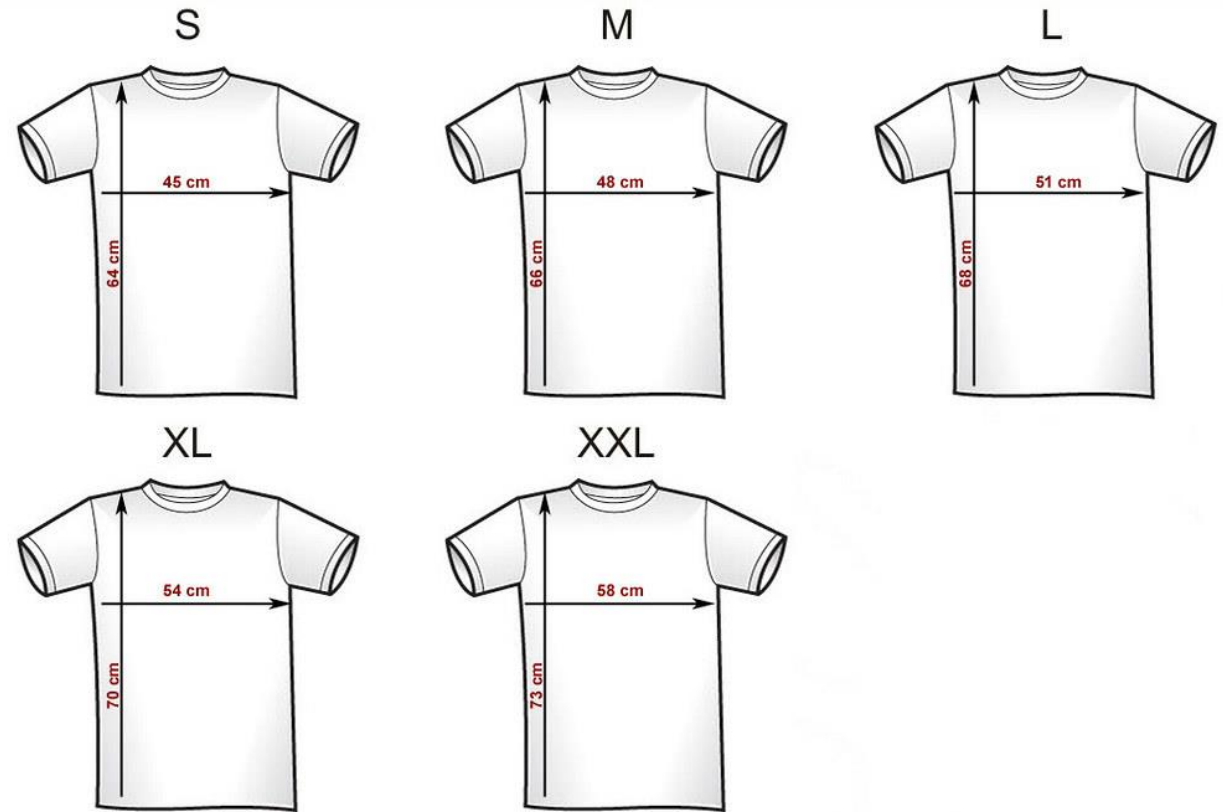
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University



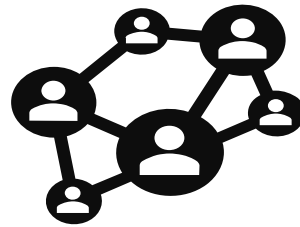
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options are  
great, but  
one will fit you  
the best



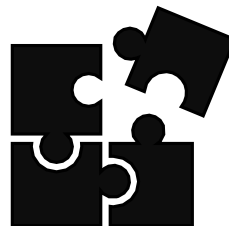
# The Career Center supports you



Develop your postsecondary  
plan



Connects you with career  
exploration opportunities



Helps you put all the  
pieces together



Graduation  
is coming



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# How to access the Career Center?



[Email](#)



In-person



[RHS Career Center Website](#)



Mr. Ty Laury –  
your 9<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup> CIS Liaison



Communities  
In Schools

Renton-Tukwila

**Who:** All RHS students.

**What:** School supplies, Hygiene items, other resources.

**Where:** Room 119/ Red Door

**When:** Between classes, lunch, after school

**Why:** Connecting students with resources that can reduce barriers to their success.



# 9<sup>th</sup> grade AAC's What do we do?



Ease the transition from Middle School to High School.



Help you advocate for yourself.



We attend your classes to help you in real time.



Work with Administration, Teachers, and parents to help you do the very best you can.



Where can  
you find us?

*\*request to see one of us in the Counseling office!*

Room 266

But feel free to talk to us if you  
see us in the halls and  
classrooms.

We are happy to help!



# GEAR UP

Renton School District



# What is GEAR UP?

## Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs

- Funded by the U.S. Department of Education
- 7-year federal grant, designed to increase the number of students who are prepared to enter and succeed in post-secondary education
- Includes all students in classes of 2024 & 2025

# GEAR UP Achievers – South King County

**Our goal is to dramatically increase the number of students who enter and succeed in post-secondary programs**

- Grant is focused on South King County (Renton, Kent, Auburn, Tukwila)
- **Specific support for first generation, low income, and students of color**
- Began 2018-2019 school year, 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> grade (Class of 2024 and 2025)
- Follow students from middle school through high school/post-secondary programs
- Focus on STEM



# GEAR UP Coordinators



**Christina Park**

- Lindbergh HS
- Nelsen MS



**Deborah Currie**

- Renton HS
- Dimmitt MS



**Hong-Yen Chau**

- Hazen HS
- McKnight MS



# Services for students

- College and career readiness activities and field trips
- Financial aid education
- Mentorship program
- Summer education opportunities
- Tutoring and after-school programs

# AVID (Advancement via Individual Determination)

- Elective sections offered to select students in Class of 2024 and 2025
  - Application process include personal statement and letters of recommendation from teachers
- School-wide initiatives and activities for all students
  - Cornell note-taking strategies, subject notebooks, etc.

## WICOR Strategies

- *Writing*
- *Inquiry*
- *Collaboration*
- *Organization*
- *Reading*

# CTE

## Career & Technical Education

- Identify students' strengths
- Explore a variety of career options
- Connect instructional activities to areas of interest
- Interact with the business community at large
- Prepare for education beyond high school
- Variety of CTE classes offered with dual credit options
- CTE graduation pathway







# Services for families

- Family engagement nights
- Financial Aid Workshops
- Scholarship information
- Information on post-secondary educational and employment opportunities
- Family college visits



# Our \*BIG GOAL\*

Increase the number of students who:

- Attend middle and high school on a regular basis
- Increase number of students who take rigorous courses
- Graduate high school
- Enroll and graduate from college/post-secondary
- Earn a living wage job and have thriving adult lives

# Additional Resources

Renton School District:

<https://www.rentonschools.us/learning-and-teaching/secondary-education/gear-up>

UW Achievers:

<https://depts.washington.edu/gearupac/>



# AVID at RHS *with* Ms. Licano- Sanchez

- What is AVID?  
Achievement Via Individual  
Determination
- Organization
- Study skills
- Inquiry
- Future focused



# Scheduling a Counseling Appointment

## IN PERSON

- See Counseling Office staff for a **PAPER FORM**.
- Complete the form and turn it in to the Counseling Office staff (not a TA).
- **PROMPTLY** return to class, there is no need to wait in the counseling office or hallways.
- Please be **PATIENT** and in the next couple days your Counselor or a TA will get you from class. **WE support YOU and YOU will get a response.**

## ONLINE

- Visit the **RHS web page** and Click on the **FOR STUDENTS** tab.
- Complete the request for **YOUR** counselor.
- Please be **PATIENT** and in the next couple days your Counselor or a TA will get you from class. **WE support YOU and YOU will get a response.**

# Renton High School - Counselors

- Mrs. Wetzel – Last names beginning with A – Ga
- Mr. White – Last names beginning with Ge – O
- Mr. Budech – Last names beginning with P – Z
- Mrs. Pike – All 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Students

## Counseling Office Staff

- Ms. Pappas-Stallman – Counseling Secretary
- Ms. Cathcart – Registrar
- Ms. Bale – Office/Registrar Assistant





# In-House Physical and Behavioral Health Care for *all* students at RHS

## HealthPoint Staff:

- Sandra Munguia: Clinic Coordinator
- Dr. Brianne Taylor: Medical Provider
- Dr. Eli Lotz: Behavioral Health Provider

## In-House Partners with:

- KCSARC
- RAYS

*Located in the same space  
as the RHS Nurse!*





# Services Offered

This is a list of services offered for all students with no out-of-pocket cost:

- Yearly Checkups
- Sports Physicals
- Immunizations/vaccines (now required by WA State law to attend public schools!)
- Treatment for illness and injury
- Mental health supports
- Nutritional appointments
- And more!



# How to make an appointment

- Call our clinic at (425) 424.6310
- See our page on the RHS Website:  
<https://rentonhs.rentonschools.us/students/healthpoint>
- See more information on the HealthPoint website:  
<https://www.healthpointchc.org/find-clinics/renton-high-school>





THEE  
Renton High School  
School Resource Officer



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# Officer Kerkhoff

- Renton Police Department for 12+ years
- School Resource Officer for 5+ years
- Firearms Instructor for 8+ years
- Hostage Negotiator for 8+ years





# More About Me



- Married for 17 years
- Four children and Two Puppies
- Live near Tacoma
- Spent 5 years in the US Army



# How to Be Successful at RHS

- Go To Class
- Do Your Work!
- Ask for help
- Have Fun!!!
- Get Involved
  - Club, Sport, Activity, Something



# Role and Responsibility as a School Cop

- Education
- Informal Counseling
- Enforcement



Looking Forward to  
Seeing you Here!





*Part 3*

# *Expectations for SUCCESS*



# A message from AP Woehr



Discipline is a required response to the choices, behaviors, and actions you make.



The next 4 years will be over before you now it. Practice *now* who you want to be *then*.



Speak up for yourself; I will always listen.



Reflect on the why and how for your choices, behaviors, and actions.



My advice for a successful 9<sup>th</sup> grade year: Engage wisely with social media & don't get pulled into drama.

# R

# Life at Renton

## Keys To Success

- Get To Know Mr. Powell, your Dean of Students
- Security Team
- Expectations
- Get Involved
- Pride, Tradition, and Excellence





# Attendance Information

- Be On - Time
- Attendance Protocol
- BECCA Bill



# Attendance Policy

## GET READY, GET SET, LEARN!

### 7:20 AM - LEARNING BEGINS

- Students are expected to arrive to all classes on time.
- You will need a kiosk pass to enter all classes if you are 9 minutes late.
  - (kiosk is located in the main office)

*Frequent kiosk users will be contacted by our intervention team to promote an on-time arrival for academic success.*



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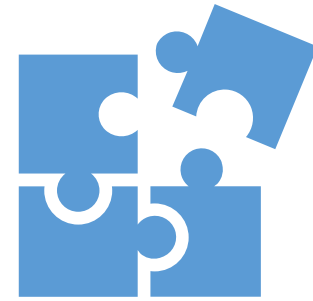
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- ☐ Students should miss no more than 9 days of school to stay engaged, successful and on track to graduate
- ☐ Missing 10 percent or about 18 days of school will drastically affect your academic success
- ☐ 2 absences per month x 9 months = less likely to graduate from high school
- ☐ Students can be chronically absent even if they miss a day or two every few weeks.



Renton High  
School

In School  
Suspension  
(ISS)



Ms. Contreras- In School  
Suspension Interventionist



# ISS- Support that RHS students can expect in ISS



Academic support



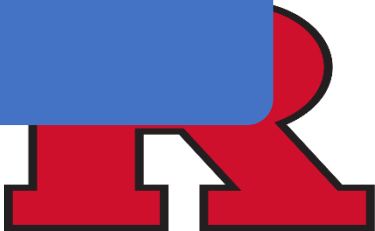
Communication skills



Behavior Reflection



Connect with other resources



# In School Suspension- Expectations



- Arrive on time
- Be prepared
- Cellphones are turned in
- Lunch and breaks in ISS
- Remain engaged with academic work
- Ask for help when you need it
- Have an open mind!



*Part 4*

# *SUCCESSFUL Ways to Get Involved*





# Your Athletic Dept.



- *Athletic Director:*  
Ms. Konkol, 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> AP
- *Athletic Secretary:*  
Ms. Trezza





# Athletics

- **Fall Sports**

- Boys: Cross Country, Football, Golf, Tennis
- Girls: Cross Country, Golf, Soccer, Swim & Dive, Volleyball

- **Winter Sports**

- Boys: Basketball, Swim & Dive, Wrestling
- Girls: Basketball, Bowling, Gymnastics, Wrestling

- **Spring Sports**

- Boys: Baseball, Soccer, Track & Field
- Girls: Softball, Tennis, Track & Field

- \* *Cheerleading is year-round and available to boys and girls*



- **ASB Card**
  - \$30
- **Athletic Physical (Yearly)**
  - Health Point, Family Doctor, Walk-In Clinic, etc.
- **Sport's Fee**
  - \$75 or \$37.50 (free/reduced lunch)
- **Online Registration:**  
<https://www.familyid.com/organizations/renton-high-school>
- **Miscellaneous**
  - 2.0 Grade Point Average
  - No Fines

# Athletic Clearance Process



# Renton High School - Clubs & Activities

- Acapella Council
- African Association
- Ambassadors
- Art Club
- Asian Student Union
- Badminton Club
- Band
- Black Student Union
- DECA
- Drama
- Educators Rising
- Essence of Renton
- Filipino Club
- Gardening Club
- Gay-Straight Alliance
- Green Team
- HOSA
- Indigenous Club
- Jazz Band Club
- Journalism (Arrow)
- Key Club
- K-Pop Club
- Latino Student Union
- Music League
- Math Club
- National Honors Society
- Orchestra Club
- Pacific Islander Club
- Polynesian Club
- Psychology Club
- Relay For Life
- Renton Peer Mentors
- Robotics
- Running Club
- Russian Club
- Science Club
- Social Justice Club
- Vietnamese Student Union
- Yearbook (Illahee)
- Yoga Club



# Renton High School – ASB and Leadership

- ASB stands for **Associated Student Body**; it represents the interests and goals of the entire Renton High School Student Body and helps to build community at RHS!
- ASB plans special events at Renton High School such as:
  - Tribes day
  - “Welcome Back” assembly at the beginning of the year
  - Homecoming event
  - Matter of the Heart recognition breakfast
  - Moving up Assembly
  - Trunk or Treat with the city of Renton
- Leadership is a trimester class where you learn leadership skills and plan events such as:
  - Pep Assemblies
  - Spirit Weeks
  - Community building events





# Renton High School ASB Office

Open to Students during  
lunchtime & after school  
daily until 2:45!

# RHS ASB Office:

## Student Payments



ASB CARD \$30  
REPLACEMENT  
CARDS \$5



YEARBOOK  
\$35 W/ ASB  
\$45 W/O ASB



CHROMEBOOK  
INSURANCE \$25  
\$15 w REDUCED /  
\$10 w FREE LUNCH



SPORTS FEE \$75  
\$37.50 w F/R  
LUNCH  
\*MUST HAVE ASB



RHS ASB  
SPIRIT WEAR



DANCE  
TICKETS



FINE / FEE  
PAYMENTS



NUTRITION  
SERVICES  
PAYMENTS

WE ACCEPT THE FOLLOWING METHODS OF PAYMENT:



CASH



CHECK OR  
MONEY ORDER



CREDIT OR  
DEBIT



ONLINE





# RHS ASB Card: \$30

## BENEFITS OF PURCHASING ASB:

- ASB is required to participate in Sports with Renton School District.
- Discounted price on yearbooks, dance tickets & more!
- FREE ENTRY to home sporting events & discounted entry at away games & post season playoff games!





# RHS ASB Office: Club Related Paperwork



## New Club Proposal / Club Constitution Forms

To start a new club you need to submit a New Club Proposal & a Club Constitution for approval by ASB.



## ASB Purchase Request Forms

All club/sport purchases must be pre-approved by ASB & be compliant with current ASB laws & regulations.



## ASB Fundraising Forms

All fundraising must be pre-approved by ASB & be compliant with current ASB laws & regulations.



Questions  
regarding  
Student  
payments  
or ASB  
paperwork?

**Rado Carlson**

ASB Bookkeeper

 425.204.3421

 [Stephanie.Carlson@RentonSchools.us](mailto:Stephanie.Carlson@RentonSchools.us)



*WELCOME  
TO  
RHS!*

