

RPS School Applications
Virtual Information Session

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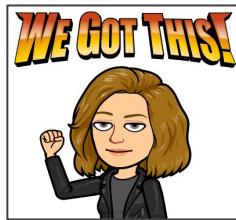
Welcome!

Before we get started, we want to introduce ourselves!



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During this information session we'll cover the following topics:

1. General information and calendar for school applications (open enrollment, specialty schools, and regional governor's schools)
2. Demonstration of how to submit an application online
3. Explanation of new resources available for families
4. Question and answer session

If you have a question during the presentation, please submit it using the chat or email it to enrollrps@rvaschools.net.

RPS conducts an annual cycle of school applications for distinct school types

- **Open Enrollment** – Any RPS school that does not have an application process for admission can be accessed by out-of-zone students through a random open enrollment lottery. Seats vary year to year based on enrollment projections compared against staffing and building capacity.
- **Charter** – Patrick Henry School of Science and Arts is a charter school for grades K through 5. Eligible students may apply in a addition to their three open enrollment choices.
- **Specialty Schools** – RPS secondary schools that require an application process for admission. For the SY 2022-2023 application cycle, these schools include Franklin Military Academy (grades 6-8 and 9-12), Open High School (grades 9-12), Richmond Community High School (grades 9-12), Thomas Jefferson High School International Baccalaureate Diploma Program (grades 11-12), and the Governor’s STEM Academy at RTC.
- **Regional Governor’s School** – While each regional governor’s school application processes are managed by an overarching body, RPS supports the application process for Richmond City residents applying to Maggie Walker and Appomattox. CodeRVA applications are handled separately by CodeRVA.

Programs of interest for rising kindergarten and elementary students

- All RPS elementary schools offer open enrollment at all grade levels
- Patrick Henry School of Science and Arts

Rising kindergarten and elementary students may apply to up to three schools via open enrollment, with Patrick Henry as an additional fourth option.

Programs of interest for rising 6th graders

- Franklin Military Academy (Specialty School)
- Henderson and MLK Middle STEM Academies (Open Enrollment)
- Lucille Brown Middle International Baccalaureate Middle Years Programme (Open Enrollment)
- Open enrollment at Albert Hill, Binford, and Boushall Middle
 - Please note that we are **not** offering open enrollment at River City Middle this year

Rising middle school students may apply to up to three schools via open enrollment, with Franklin Military Academy as an additional option for rising 6th graders.

Programs of interest for rising 9th graders

- Specialty Schools (Open, Richmond Community, Franklin)
- Governor's STEM Academy at Richmond Technical Center
- Governor's Schools (Maggie Walker, Appomattox, CodeRVA*)
- Open enrollment at Armstrong, Huguenot, John Marshall, George Wythe
- Thomas Jefferson International Baccalaureate Middle Years Programme (Open Enrollment)

Rising 9th graders may apply to up to three schools via open enrollment, and all specialty and governor's schools for which they are eligible.

Programs of interest for current high school students

- Open and Richmond Community (Rising 10th grade)
- Franklin Military Academy (Rising 10th and 11th grade)
- Thomas Jefferson Diploma Programme (Rising 11th grade)
- Open enrollment at Armstrong, Huguenot, John Marshall, George Wythe (All grades)
- Thomas Jefferson International Baccalaureate Middle Years Programme (Open Enrollment - 10th grade)

Current high school students may apply to up to three schools via open enrollment, as well as all specialty schools for which they are eligible.

Keep in mind the following...

- The application window for all school applications will open on **Thursday, October 14th, 2021**. Applications must be submitted via Enroll RPS (www.attendrvaschools.com).
- The deadline for specialty and governor's school applications is **Wednesday, December 1st, 2021 at 4:30 PM**. The deadline for open enrollment applications is **Tuesday, February 1st, 2022 at 4:30 PM**.
- Students may apply to up to three open enrollment schools, Patrick Henry School of Science and Arts (if eligible), and all specialty and governor's schools / programs for which they are eligible.
- Applications must be submitted online via Enroll RPS. Paper applications will not be accepted.
- Placement decisions for all schools, along with any associated next steps, will be shared on **Friday, March 11, 2022**.

The Enroll RPS portal

- ✓ ...is a secure way to complete all school applications in one place, and allows you to save your progress on application(s) and return to it later.
- ✓ ...is also RPS's enrollment platform, ensuring a streamlined enrollment process for all new students from application to the first day of school.
- ✓ ...is the same platform we used for enrollment this year and school applications last year.
- ✓ ...is a product of Smart Choice Technologies, a leading online school admissions system, that served over 4.7 million students across 6,700 schools in 26 states last year.

www.attendrvschools.com



All resources related to open enrollment, specialty school, and governor's school applications can be found at [rvaschools.net/enroll](https://www.rvaschools.net/enroll) starting on October 14th.

We want to spotlight these resources:

- Technical Resource Slides
- FAQs for each school type (Open Enrollment, Specialty, Governor's School)
- Recordings of trainings, additional info sessions, and short how-to videos
- Virtual School Fair

Thank you for joining this virtual information session!

We'd love your feedback on how we can improve this work, and answer any lingering questions you have. Post a question in the Chat or email us at enrollrps@rvaschools.net.



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