



RICHLAND TWO VIRTUAL PROGRAM

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A MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR OF VIRTUAL PROGRAM

Dear Richland Two Families,

I am thrilled to invite you to explore Richland Two's eSchool Program, an exciting full-time virtual learning option designed specifically for students in grades 6-12. As we continue to navigate the diverse educational needs of our community, we recognize that flexibility and personalized learning are paramount for many families.

Our eSchool Program offers a rigorous curriculum delivered through live, synchronous classes, allowing your student to engage with instructors and peers in real time, all from the comfort of home. We believe that every student has unique strengths and challenges, which is why our program is tailored to meet individual learning pathways while ensuring mastery of South Carolina Department of Education standards.

This program is ideal for families seeking a flexible educational environment, particularly those with students involved in extracurricular activities, such as semi-professional athletics or the arts, or those facing long-term medical concerns. We are committed to helping our students thrive by fostering skills in self-advocacy and independence, ultimately empowering them to become lifelong learners.

While the eSchool is an online program, students will also participate in essential face-to-face activities, including standardized testing and enrichment opportunities. We ask that parents assist with transportation for these events, ensuring a well-rounded educational experience. Additionally, while we provide a device for student use, reliable internet access at home is crucial for daily instruction.

To succeed in our eSchool Program, students should be self-directed, engaged learners who are comfortable working independently and collaboratively. Traits such as perseverance and a willingness to embrace challenges are essential for maximizing the benefits of this virtual learning environment.

I encourage you to consider the eSchool Program as a valuable option for your student's education. Together, we can foster an enriching and supportive learning journey that aligns with your family's unique needs.

Thank you for your interest in our eSchool Program. We look forward to the opportunity to partner with you in your student's educational journey!

Dr. Emily Manigault



RICHLAND TWO ESCHOOL PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Richland Two’s eSchool is a full-time virtual learning program that offers families live synchronous flexibility in learning from home. This rigorous program for students in grades 6-12 is designed to meet the individual needs of students by providing personalized learning pathways in an online setting. Students in this program demonstrate mastery of South Carolina Department of Education standards and district expectations for learning. Families may apply for enrollment during Richland School District Two’s Choice I and II application periods.

Students in Richland Two’s eSchool program develop skills in self-advocacy with the goal of creating independent learners. Although the eSchool is an online program, students must participate in face-to-face activities, including district/state/federal standardized testing and enrichment activities. Parents must provide transportation for these activities. Richland Two will provide a device for student use; however, families must have access to reliable internet service for daily online instruction.

TARGET AUDIENCE

- Richland Two Families who have students for which the online learning environment is the best fit.
- Richland Two Families who are currently served by an online program outside of the district.
- Richland Two Families who have students who need flexibility in their schedule due to extracurricular activities, including semi-pro athletics, arts, work schedules, etc.
- Richland Two Families who have a student with extensive or long-term medical concerns and who will best be served with instruction from home.

PROFILE OF A RICHLAND TWO VIRTUAL SCHOOL STUDENT

It is important that students who participate in Richland Two’s eSchool program thrive in an online learning environment. Here are a few characteristics students should exhibit.

- Your student should be engaged while working online
- Your student should enjoy being an independent, self-directed learner
- Your student should be willing to work towards academic goals independently and collaboratively with their instructors
- Your student should exhibit the ability to persevere and not give up easily

TYPE	STRUCTURE	ENROLLMENT	ZONE
Virtual Program	Virtual learning community with a flexible, competency based learning focus	Limited number per grade level (Grades 6-12)	Richland Two eSchool students must reside in the district. Students are not zoned to the virtual school program.



RICHLAND TWO eSCHOOL FAQs

How is the Richland Two eSchool Program different from traditional opportunities at my current school?

This program may be most appealing to families who have significant challenges that make attending a brick and mortar school difficult. These challenges may include medical concerns/health needs or a student's extracurricular activities. Also, families who are participating in or are considering full time virtual charter schools or homeschooling options can have their child in a program in their community. The Richland Two eSchool Program will not offer options like magnet programs (see additional information regarding magnet programs below).

Will the curriculum for the Richland Two eSchool Program be different from other middle and high schools in Richland Two?

No--students who enroll in Richland Two's eSchool Program will follow the South Carolina Department of Education (SDE) and Richland Two curriculum standards and expectations. Students will complete all required SDE assessments and will be required to meet graduation requirements.

Will I have a set schedule for my classes in the Richland Two eSchool Program?

Yes--Richland Two eSchool Program students will have set schedules which include required meeting times with their instructors. Students will be expected to log in to their classes as scheduled with their cameras on and actively participate in the instructional activities. Although the Richland Two Virtual School Program is designed to encourage student agency (ownership of learning), highly qualified instructors who are dedicated to Richland Two Virtual School students will instruct, assess and provide intervention as necessary to ensure student success.

Would registering for Richland Two's eSchool Program mean that I am no longer a student at _____ (fill in your child's school)?

Yes. You would transfer your enrollment to the eSchool program.

Would I be able to transfer back to my zoned or assigned school during the current school year?

No, staffing and resources would be allocated considering the number of students in the Richland Two Virtual School Program as well as your child's home school; therefore, you would not be eligible to transfer back to your zoned school until the beginning of the next school term.

What about sports and extracurricular activities that I am currently involved in at zoned or assigned school?

Sports participation may be allowed based on South Carolina High School League rules. Eligibility will be based upon the intra-district rule established by the South Carolina High School League and the district. For non-sport activities like theater or student government, decisions would be made on a case by case basis.

The Richland Two Virtual School Program would be seeking student engagement and would offer certain opportunities as a school separate from that of your current school. There would be an effort from the Richland Two family to be open and welcoming with access to opportunities for all students who are members of the Richland Two family. In the example given, it is reasonable to assume that students would have the opportunity to audition for plays and productions at their zoned or assigned school while participating in student government at the Richland Two Virtual School Program.

What is the difference between a zoned school and an assigned school?

Your zoned school is the school you attend based on your home address. Your assigned school is the school you attend if you were approved and accepted in a choice school/program that is not your home school.

Will my child have access to a qualified school counseling department to help with social emotional concerns and all college preparatory requirements?

Yes, the Richland Two Virtual School Program will have a highly qualified school counselor and services from the District Career Specialist.

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If my child is currently enrolled in a CTE class such as Culinary Arts or Building Construction, will they be able to continue in that class at their home school?

Every attempt will be made to allow students to complete their chosen CTE program. As the Richland Two Virtual School Program grows we will add some CTE choices. If you have already begun a CTE pathway you would like to complete, then you will be allowed to utilize school based eLearning to access that class.

As a high school student, will I have access to Advanced Placement, Dual Credit, SAT/ACT testing and other important college and career preparation opportunities?

Yes-students will have access to Advanced Placement and dual credit courses, as well SAT/ACT preparation courses and assessments. As with all high schools in the district, Advanced Placement offerings may be limited; however, every attempt will be made to meet the needs of the students enrolled in the eSchool program who have previous enrollments in these courses. Students who are interested in dual credit courses will have options through Richland Two Institute for Innovation (R2i2).

Will I have access to Learning Support Services, including social workers, psychologists, school nurses, etc.?

Yes- students and their families will have access to social workers, psychologists, school nurses and other learning support services as needed to meet their individual needs.



We are excited about Richland Two's eSchool Program.
If you have any questions, please feel free to email us at
vs-info@richland2.org.



MISSION STATEMENT

**IN PARTNERSHIP WITH OUR COMMUNITY,
WE EMPOWER STUDENTS TO DISCOVER THEIR POTENTIAL
AND PREPARE FOR A SUCCESSFUL FUTURE**

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Visit the Richland Two website, www.richland2.org, for more information on the Richland Two Title IX Compliance Program.

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