



RICHLAND TWO **VIRTUAL** **PROGRAM**



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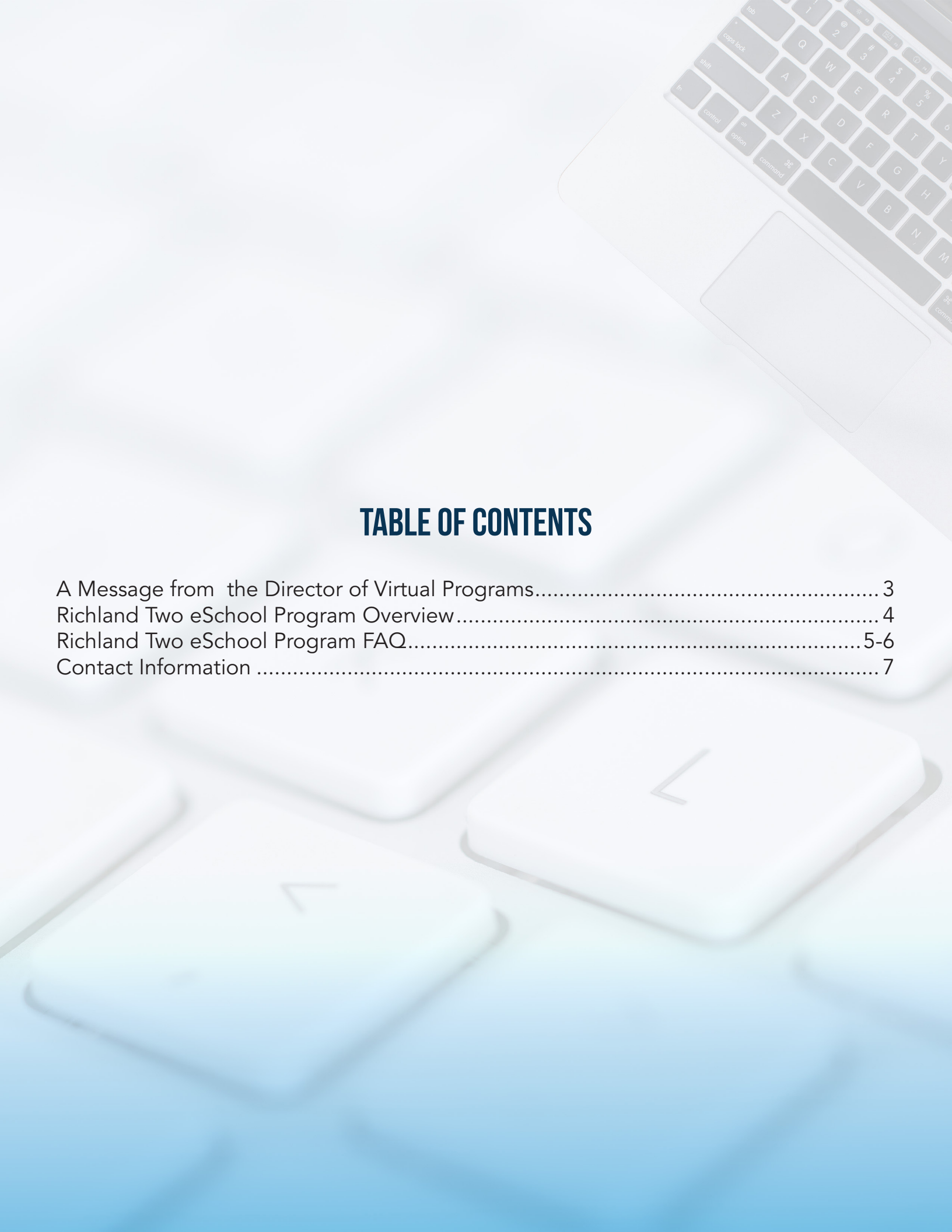


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A MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR OF VIRTUAL PROGRAM

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.



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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 R2eSchool Program is designed to encourage student agency (ownership of learning), highly qualified instructors who are dedicated to the eSchool students will instruct, assess and provide intervention as necessary to ensure student success.

Please note that students in the eSchool Program follow the same attendance expectations as other students across the district. Daily attendance is taken for all synchronous classes and students are expected to attend classes, on time and on camera. Failure to attend may result in removal from the program.

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

No, you or your student is still assigned to their zoned

school in the district. Richland Two's eSchool is a program that serves students in our district's middle and high schools, but the students are still officially assigned to their zoned school. That said, students are allowed to participate in classes (if their schedule permits), extra and co-curricular activities, athletics, special events, etc. at their zoned school. eSchool students must meet the same criteria as all other students to participate in activities and events at their zoned school.

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

Students who enroll in Richland Two's eSchool Program are expected to remain enrolled through the end of the current semester and may not transfer back to their zoned or assigned school during the semester. This requirement helps ensure a smooth transition between learning environments while minimizing disruptions to instruction and the potential loss of academic credit.

Will I be expected to attend in-person events?

Yes – eSchool students are required to attend mandatory in-person events to include student orientation, district and state testing, curricular activities (e.g. science lab days, field studies, etc.). Failure to attend mandatory in-person events may result in removal from the eSchool Program.

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

Participation in interscholastic athletics may be permitted in accordance with South Carolina High School League (SCHSL) rules and Richland School District Two policies. Athletic eligibility is determined by the SCHSL intra-district transfer rule and all applicable district requirements.

Participation in non-athletic extracurricular activities, such as theater, student government, clubs, and similar organizations, will be considered at the student's zoned school on a case-by-case basis. Students would be expected to meet all participation requirements for activities at their zoned school.

Richland Two's eSchool Program is committed to providing meaningful opportunities for student involvement and school engagement. As a distinct

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program within Richland School District Two, the eSchool may offer its own extracurricular opportunities while also working collaboratively with the district to maximize opportunities for students whenever possible. For example, a student may be eligible to audition for a theatrical production at their zoned or assigned school while serving in student government or participating in other activities sponsored by eSchool, provided all applicable eligibility requirements are met.

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 eSchool Program has a highly qualified school counselor on staff who works closely with our students and provides typical secondary school supports, as well as college and career guidance. Our students also have the opportunity to receive services from our District Career Specialist. Additionally, the eSchool provides other Learning Support Services to include access to a School Social Worker, Psychologist and School Nurses.

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. In order to meet this goal, students may be allowed to continue their chosen pathway through the eSchool Program, their zoned school, Richland Two's Student Innovation Center (SIC) or VirtualSC as available each school term.

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 the eSchool Program, their zoned school, Richland Two's Student Innovation Center (SIC) or VirtualSC as available each school term.

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.



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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**.

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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.

Our District Title IX Coordinator can be reached at klarkins@richland2.org or (803) 738-3338.