

RHS FAMILY 2026-2027 FAQs

Below is a list of frequently asked questions that many Rye families have about day-to-day procedures. As always, if you have any further questions or need additional clarification, feel free to reach out!

Academics and Extracurriculars

I am a rising 9th grader. How do I know who my counselor is?

Your assigned counselor can be found on the Student or Parent PowerSchool portal. Once you log in, your counselor's name will appear on your student information page. If you have trouble accessing the portal or cannot find the information, please contact the School Counselor Office (914-967-6100, ext. 2060 or 2061) for assistance.

I have a question about an assignment or grade. Who should I contact?

Encourage your student to first speak with the teacher directly. If more clarification is needed, the parent/guardian may email the teacher. If further concerns remain, please reach out to your student's school counselor.

What Regents exams are required for my student to graduate?

Most students are required to pass five Regents exams: one each in Math, Science, and English, and two in Social Studies. All students are required to sit for the Regents exam regardless if they are taking an Honors or AP level course.

Does my student have to take AP exams?

Yes. Students enrolled in AP courses are expected to sit for the AP exam in May. If a student does not take an AP exam, they may lose the course's AP designation on their transcript. For seniors, a communication would be sent to their admitted college noting the transcript change.

What is the Testing Center?

The Testing Center is in Room 203, across from the Math/Science Office. If your student misses a test, the teacher will send the exam to the Testing Center and notify the proctor or Teacher Aide. The proctor or Teacher Aide will provide support for students who require testing accommodations. Students should plan ahead with teachers and aim to use the center proactively, as it runs on a first-come, first-served basis.

Where do I learn about the different clubs and activities that are available?

Students will have the chance to explore all of the extracurricular opportunities available at RHS during the Activities Fair, held within the first month of school. Students can also [click here](#) to view the current club offerings at Rye High School.

Attendance and Absences

Who should I contact if I have questions or concerns about attendance?

For attendance-related questions or concerns, please email rcsdattendance@ryeschools.org. This is the best way to ensure your inquiry is directed to the appropriate staff member and addressed promptly. When sending an email, please type "RHS Student" and the student's name in the subject line.

What should I do if my student is going to be absent (full or partial day)?

Please enter the absence in the [PowerSchool Parent Portal](#) by 9:00 am. You may also call the Attendance Office at 914-967-6100, ext. 2006, or email rcsdattendance@ryeschools.org with any questions. The PowerSchool portal allows you to indicate full-day absences, late arrivals, early dismissals, or if the student will leave and return. A doctor's note is required in the event of an extended illness (three or more days over the course of five class days).

What counts as an excused absence?

[According to RCSD Policy](#), excused absences include personal illness, emergency dental or medical appointments, a death in the family, religious observance, legal obligations, and college visits. Travel for vacation is not considered excused. Legal/excused absences are noted on the dropdown on the Portal. All "Other" absences will be considered unexcused.

Are students allowed to leave school during lunch or free periods?

Only 11th and 12th-grade students with signed parent/guardian consent may leave campus. If you are permitting your child to leave campus, [please complete this form](#).

9th and 10th graders must remain on campus unless a documented appointment is reported using the absence form before 9 AM. Students leaving without permission will receive detention.

What can students do during their free periods?

During free periods, students are welcome to spend time in the Media Center, Writing Center, Math Lab, Tutoring Center, cafeteria, or outdoor courtyards.

Students with a free period at the **end of the school day** may leave campus **with documented parent or guardian permission**. 11th and 12th-grade students are also permitted to leave campus during their free periods and return for their next class. We ask that all students be mindful of the bell schedule and return to school on time so they are not tardy for class..

What is the [RHS Athletics and Extracurricular Eligibility Policy](#)?

To participate in athletics or extracurricular activities at Rye High School, students must meet both attendance and academic requirements.

- **Attendance Requirements:**

Students must attend all scheduled classes on the day of an event, practice, or performance. If a student arrives late or leaves early, the absence must be legally excused in order to remain eligible to participate or attend.

Academic Requirements:

- Students must maintain a minimum average of 65 with no failing grades, or have only one failing grade with an achievement plan in place to improve it
- Eligibility is reviewed each quarter based on report card grades (not semester or final averages).
- If a student is failing one course and earns below a 65 in that class at the end of Quarters 1, 2, or 3, they become ineligible for at least five school days following the distribution of report cards. During this time:
 - The student may attend practices as an observer only (no active participation).

- The student cannot participate in games, performances, or major events.
- An Achievement Plan must be developed with the teacher of the failed course and approved by the student's advisor or coach. Plans are available in the Assistant Principal's Office.

One Sport Per Season:

Per Section One regulations, students may only participate in one sport per season.

Student ID Cards

Will students be assigned ID cards?

All students will be assigned a physical ID card that will be required to enter the building.

When will students receive their ID cards?

These ID cards will be distributed on the first day of school. 9th graders will receive their ID cards at their orientation on September 8th. 10th-12th grade students will receive their IDs in their first class of the day on September 8th.

What should a student do if they lose their ID card?

If a student misplaces their ID card, they should contact Security Supervisor Beatrice (Bea) Moore for a replacement by going to the Security Office (next to the Cafeteria)

Student Lockers

Will students be assigned lockers, and how will they receive their locker information?

All students will be assigned a hallway locker. Locker numbers, combinations, and locker locations will be emailed to students before the start of the school year and can also be viewed on PowerSchool.

What are students' responsibilities regarding lockers?

Students are responsible for keeping their lockers secure, only using their assigned locker, and ensuring it is kept clean and in good condition. Students should not share their lockers with other students, as they are responsible for all contents in the locker and the condition of the locker at the end of the year.

Where should students keep their devices during the school day?

Students can bring devices to school, but they must be silenced and stored in lockers throughout the school day unless they have a documented medical condition that requires them to have access to a device.

What happens if a student loses their lock?

Students should go to Beatrice Moore in the Security Office to receive a new lock and will be charged a \$10 replacement fee. Students will also be charged this replacement fee if the lock is missing from their assigned locker at the end of the year.

Cell Phones and Electronic Devices

At its July 11, 2025, meeting, the Board of Education adopted a new policy, "[Students and Personal Electronic Devices](#)," in line with New York State's [bell-to-bell restrictions on internet-enabled devices in K-12 schools](#). The policy

supports our district's commitment to creating a focused, engaged learning environment that promotes student wellness and face-to-face connections.

Devices restricted during the school day include:

- Smartphones
- Smartwatches
- Tablets
- Any other internet-enabled device (**except** school-issued devices or BYOD for approved purposes aligned to the Acceptable Use Policy)

Rye High School Guidelines:

- Students may bring devices but must keep them silenced and stored in lockers (except for approved educational or medical use).
- **First violation:** parent/guardian must pick up the device.
- **Second violation:** parent/guardian must pick up the device; meeting is held with grade-level administrator
- **Third violation:** parent/guardian must pick up the device; in-school suspension is issued
- **Further violations:** parent-student conference with an administrator; device held in the school office daily for extended periods.

Counseling and Records

How do I find counseling-related deadlines?

The School Counseling Office shares important timelines via the Counseling section of The Garnet Review, emailed to families at the end of each month.

How do I access my student's schedule or report card?

All schedules and report cards are available in the [PowerSchool Parent Portal](#). Directions for accessing the portal are [here](#).

How do I request transcripts?

Use the transcript request form linked [here](#). Please contact either the Director of Counseling, Seth Buschling, or your child's school counselor for assistance.

Where can I find summer assignments?

Summer assignment details are posted on the [School Counseling](#) page before the end of the school year.

Food Deliveries and Community Lunch

Food deliveries are permitted; however, food deliveries must come through security at the Main Entrance and can only be picked up by students during community lunch. Students should not have food delivered during class time or leave class to accept food.

Health and Medication

My child has been injured, and the doctor says they should not participate in P.E. or sports. What should I do?

Please contact School Nurse Samantha Anfuso at 914-967-6100, ext 2011, or email anfuso.samantha@ryeschools.org.

Ms. Anfuso will communicate with a student being excused from P.E. activities and sports to any necessary staff members and follow up with those staff members when the student is cleared to return to normal activities.

My child is on medication. Who should I contact?

Please contact School Nurse Samantha Anfuso at 914-967-6100, ext 2011, or email anfuso.samantha@ryeschools.org.

Student Parking

Can students park at the school?

No student parking is available on campus. However, students may purchase a City of Rye parking permit for the emergency snow lot across from Nugent Stadium. You may contact the City of Rye City Clerk by clicking [here](#). Please note that parking is not permitted in front of the school before 8:30am or after 2:00pm. Cars in violation will be ticketed by the City of Rye.

Technology

Does my student need their own device?

Yes. Rye High School is a **BYOD (Bring Your Own Device)** school. Please see [the yearly memo](#) sent out to the community for more information. If your family needs help securing a device, please contact Dr. Kaitlyn Sassone at sassone.kaitlyn@ryeschools.org.

My student is locked out of their Google account. What should we do?

New students can log in using the temporary password: **Ryedefault2027!!** They will then be prompted to set a 15-character password. For returning students who have forgotten their Google password for their account, please visit the Student Help Desk for support in Room 125B.