



2020-2021 Learning Models FAQ Document

1. What are the learning models RCPS for second semester?



Hybrid
(In-Person & Virtual)
(All Grades)

Hibrido
(en persona y virtual)
(Todos los grados)

or



**Virtual,
School-based**
(All Grades)

**Virtual,
basado en la escuela**
(Todos los grados)

or



**Virtual,
Rockdale Virtual Campus**
(Middle & High School)

**Virtual,
Rockdale Virtual Campus**
(Solo grados 6-12)

2. What are synchronous and asynchronous learning?

Students will be required to participate in online meetings/lessons on specific days and at certain times with their teachers (synchronous learning) and complete activities and assignments on their own time to meet assignment deadlines (asynchronous learning).

3. What is the Hybrid Model?

The hybrid model provides opportunities for students to participate in two days a week in-person and three days virtual. Students will participate in synchronous and asynchronous learning. (See schedule below)

RCPS HYBRID 2nd SEMESTER SCHEDULE

STUDENT SCHEDULE

- Students will be divided into two groups by households (Group 1 & 2)
 - **Group 1** will receive in-person instruction on Mondays and Tuesdays. They will engage in virtual learning on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.
 - **Group 2** will receive in-person instruction on Wednesdays and Thursdays. They will engage in virtual learning on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Fridays.
- Fridays may include both synchronous and asynchronous instruction, as well as opportunities for students to participate in remediation, enrichment, SEL, and advisement.

4. When will we know what group my student has been assigned to for the hybrid schedule?

Once the survey is completed, data will be reviewed to determine student group placement.

5. What will hybrid online/independent learning look like?

Students will use platforms such as itsLearning and Microsoft Teams and various online resources. Teachers will provide online meetings/lessons on specific days and at certain times. Teachers will record the live sessions for students who need to view the lesson at a different time. Teachers may post other recorded videos to support students as they are working independently during the day.

6. How will my student receive additional help if needed?

All schools will provide opportunities for additional support. Each school will communicate their plan of support with parents.

7. Will my student eat in the cafeteria?

No. Students will eat breakfast and lunch in the classrooms.

- Students will pick up their meals in the cafeteria and return to the classroom to eat.
- Cashiers will have a plexiglass barrier between them and students.
- All safety and sanitization procedures will be followed.
- Masks shall be worn by all in the cafeteria.

8. If my student misses their assigned face-to-face day, can they make-up a day?

Students will only be able to attend their face-to-face classes, on their assigned day. If a student misses their assigned day make-up work will be provided by their instructor. Recordings of the missed class may be available for student to review.

9. Will elementary still offer after-school care?

Yes, schools are working to develop their after-school program plans. Please contact your local school.

10. How will classrooms be set up to accommodate social distancing?

Student desks will be spaced to accommodate social distancing, where possible. Desks will face in the same direction, when possible. Students seated at the same table will be seated on the same side of the table.

11. What if I am not comfortable sending my student to school on campus?

RCPS is offering a *full-time virtual model* for students who wish to continue their education in a virtual classroom. *Please see information below regarding the virtual options RCPS will offer.*

Elementary:

- Parents may select the virtual instructional model via Parent Portal, in Infinite Campus
- Students receiving instruction for Quarter 3, via the virtual option only, will follow the current instructional schedule with some adjustments to Friday's instructional schedule.
- RCPS attendance and grading policies will apply to students.
- Students will have the opportunity to return to the brick and mortar school at the end of Quarter 3. The parent will need to make the request for the instructional change by February 26, 2021.

Secondary:

- Parents may choose between two virtual instructional service models: *Full-time Virtual* and *Rockdale Virtual Campus*.

Full-time School-based Virtual (Similar to classroom but all online)

- Students receive 100% of instruction virtually.
- Full-time virtual schedule includes students receiving 100% of instruction virtually with their scheduled school-based teachers.
- Full course offering
- Semester Commitment (with appeal option)
- RCPS attendance and grading policies will apply to students.

Rockdale Virtual Campus (RVC) (This is an independent virtual program for middle and high school.)

- Students will receive 100% of instruction virtually through Rockdale Virtual Campus.
- Majority of instruction will be provided in an asynchronous setting with RVC teachers. The teachers in RVC will be different from their school-based teachers.
- Students will receive extra help through teacher office hours and emails.
- May have limited course offerings
- Students who select Rockdale Virtual Campus will be selected through lottery due to limited capacity.
- RVC is a program. Selected students will receive all instruction and grades from RVC.
- RVC is not NCAA approved, so student athletes will need to actively seek advice from their counselors prior to applying for enrollment.
- Semester Commitment (with appeal option)
- RCPS attendance and grading policies will apply to students.

12. Will students enrolled in Full-time Virtual be able to participate in sports and/or school extracurricular activities?

Yes, schools will develop safety plans for participation in sports (if participation criteria are met) and/or extracurricular activities.

13. Who will teach my child in the Full-time Virtual Model?

Students will be taught by RCPS teachers in all models.

14. Will schools conduct daily mandatory temperature checks?

No. Parents must monitor the health of their children and keep sick children at home. This includes checking your student's temperature and monitoring for other possible symptoms of COVID-19 daily. Staff must monitor their own health and stay home when sick.

***For additional information, see the Return to Campus Guidebook for Families which is posted on www.rockdaleschools.org/reopening.**