



# RIVER CITY SCIENCE ACADEMY ELEMENTARY K-5

## RCSA Elementary Fact Sheet for 2021-2022 School Year

### Enrollment/Re-enrollment

- Once a student is enrolled at RCSA, he/she only needs to re-enroll each year to be guaranteed a spot through graduation.

### School Hours/Calendar

- 7:40 AM – 2:45 PM Class begins at 8:00 AM sharp.
- Parents must drop off and pick up from the designated carpool lanes. Parents are not permitted to walk students up to the doors.
- Any student not picked up by 3:00 pm (4:00 pm after clubs/tutoring; 1:00 pm Early Release days) will be checked into Extended Day, and must then be signed out by an authorized adult, paying the daily rate of \$15.
- RCSA-issued car tags are required for pick up from the carpool lanes. Two will be issued to each student. Additional tags must be purchased from the front office for \$5. ID is required to purchase car tags.
- RCSA Elementary follows the DCPS School Calendar.

### Transportation

- Bus transportation is NOT available to new students or new bus riders.
- Students are dropped off and picked up using the carpool lanes in the front of the building.
- Carpool tags are REQUIRED.
- Parents must remain in their vehicles during this time and may not walk up to the entrance/exit gates.

### Before & After-School Care

- Before School Fees: \$125 / Month & \$65 per sibling; Starts at 6:45 AM
- Extended Day Program Fees: \$175/ Month & \$90 per sibling; Ends at 6:00 PM
- Before & Extended Day Program Fees: \$250/ Month & \$125 per sibling
- \*Fees are subject to change each school year.

### Uniforms

- Polo shirts with school logo, khaki or navy blue bottoms, and athletic shoes are required.
- RCSA fleece school jackets are the only jackets to be worn inside the building.
- Polos and fleeces must be purchased through the RCSAES Business Office.

### Class Structure & Size

- K-2: self-contained (average 18 students)
- 3-5: rotate through separate teachers for ELA/SS, Math, and Science (average 20-24 students)
- Grades 3-5 adhere to Florida State Assessments.

### Curriculum

- ELA: Houghton Mifflin Journeys (ThinkCentral) in conjunction with i-Ready, Accelerated Reader, Study Island, and Top Score Writing \*45 minutes of i-Ready is required to be completed at home each week by the student.
- Math: McGraw-Hill Everyday Mathematics in conjunction with i-Ready & Study Island \*45 minutes of i-Ready is required to be completed at home each week by the student.
- Science: National Geographic; Study Island
- Social Studies: Studies Weekly; Study Island
- \*\*\*Many of RCSA's curriculum resources involve technology at school and at home. Computer and internet access are required.

### Gifted

- Gifted Education is offered through an on-site program with Gifted Endorsed teachers.

### ESE Services

- ESE Services are provided for students with IEP's/504's through an ESE certified teacher.
- IEP's and 504's are requested with applications to ensure that accommodations can be met.



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## Testing

- RCSA Elementary is required to participate in all state-wide testing (FSA, FCAT)
- i-Ready testing is administered throughout the year, and diagnostic assessments are reported to the district.

## Resources

- PE
- Art
- STEM or Technology
- Media Center/Character Education
- Skills/Enrichment

## After-School Tutoring (by invitation only)

- After-school tutoring is 45 minutes once a week for grades K-2, and is offered by their homeroom teacher.
- After-school tutoring is 45 minutes 2-3 times per week for grades 3-5, and is offered by the subject-area teachers.

## Clubs

- After-school clubs are 45 minutes a week. Students may be in multiple clubs, but tutoring requests are priority. The following clubs are currently offered: Art Club, Food Club, STEM Robotics, STEM Architects, Mighty Milers, Soccer Club, Science Olympiad, Chess Club, Foreign Language, Dance Club, and Yoga Club.

## Code of Conduct

- RCSA Elementary follows a strict code of conduct. ClassDojo is utilized as our school-wide discipline/parent contact system and it is **mandatory** that parents be connected. Students are issued a conduct grade based on ClassDojo percentages.
- K-5 students receive discipline consequences, which may include, but not limited to: lunch/recess detentions, after school detentions, and Out of School Suspensions.
- Parents are able to track their child's conduct log and disciplinary actions on RCSA Connect. Detailed information regarding our Code of Conduct can be found in the RCSAES handbook that is found in the front of your child's agenda or on our website.

## School Breakfast & Lunch

- Provided by SLA (All payments are made online.)
- Students may apply for free and reduced through RCSA.

## Parent Communication

- RCSA Connect \*Parents and students MUST actively utilize this resource.\*
- Classroom Dojo \*Parents MUST actively utilize this resource.\*
- Constant Contact Newsletters
- Facebook
- School Messenger
- Friday Folders

## Volunteers

- ANY volunteer that spends time with students must complete a Duval County Volunteer Application and receive clearance, using the following link: <https://dcps.duvalschools.org/volunteer>

## Homework Expectations:

### Kindergarten

*Weekly i-Ready – 90 minutes (45 math/45 reading)  
Accelerated Reader – Students must meet quarterly goals.  
Math Home Links (Must be printed at home.)*



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*Sight Words Practice*  
*Quarterly At-Home Projects*

## First Grade

*Weekly i-Ready – 90 minutes (45 math/45 reading)*  
*Accelerated Reader – Students must meet quarterly goals.*  
*Fluency Practice*  
*Spelling/Sight Words Practice*  
*Math Home Links (Must be printed at home.)*  
*Quarterly Project (presented in class)*

## Second Grade

*Weekly i-Ready – 90 minutes (45 math/45 reading)*  
*Accelerated Reader – Students must meet quarterly goals.*  
*Fluency Practice*  
*Weekly Book Report*  
*Math Home Links (Must be printed at home.)*  
*Themed Quarterly Project (presented in class)*

## Third Grade

*Weekly i-Ready – 90 minutes (45 math/45 reading)*  
*Accelerated Reader – Students must meet quarterly goals & read a variety of fiction as well as nonfiction.*  
*Studies Weekly*  
*Study Island*  
*Quarterly Projects in all subject areas (presented in class)*

## Fourth Grade

*Weekly i-Ready – 90 minutes (45 math/45 reading)*  
*Accelerated Reader – Students must meet quarterly goals & read a variety of fiction as well as nonfiction.*  
*Reading Logs – 20 minutes/night*  
*Weekly Fluency Activity*  
*Studies Weekly*  
*Science Weekly*  
*Study Island*  
*Math Home Links (Must be printed at home.)*  
*Quarterly Project in all subject areas*

## Fifth Grade

*Weekly i-Ready – 90 minutes (45 math/45 reading)*  
*Accelerated Reader – Students must meet quarterly goals & read a variety of fiction as well as nonfiction.*  
*Weekly Reading Comprehension Activity*  
*Studies Weekly*  
*Science Weekly*  
*Study Island*  
*Math Homework Activity Packet*  
*Quarterly Project in all subject areas*

## Fostering Independence

- RCSA Elementary is an *I Can* school. We want students to know their abilities and potential, and to take accountability for their learning.
- Our emphasis is on INDEPENDENCE. We utilize standards-based teaching/learning, and students' grades reflect their mastery of standards.



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What should my child be doing over the summer?

- Every incoming RCSAES student should be completing his/her Summer Reading & Math Project. They can be found on the RCSA Elementary website
- Summer Projects are mandatory. They are a grade for Quarter 1.