

Greetings RMS Community!

We are so excited to kick off the 2026–2027 school year together! This year, our staff professional development theme is “**Geese fly with SPIRIT.**” Building on the strong foundation of our SPIRIT values from last year, this theme highlights how a supportive community empowers a flock to travel tremendous distances. Our commitment to you and your student this year is rooted in that same spirit: together we go far, and we stay strong when we lift up our shared values.

RMS is an incredible school with a legacy of excellence, a future of promise, a team of top-notch educators, and—most importantly—limitless students. Over the summer, our leadership team asked ourselves the question: “*What does our school community need right now?*”

Our answer centered on intentional alignment and personalized support:

- **Refining Student Support Systems:** We spent time aligning our academic and social-emotional support systems so every single student has what they need to feel successful, engaged, and belonging at RMS. Our teaching teams will be walking through these updates during our opening workdays.
- **Strengthening the 6–12 Pathway:** We met with the leadership team and teachers at Hanover High School to ask: *Where are RMS students thriving in 9th grade, and how can we support them even better in that transition?* The HHS team shared glowing feedback about our students’ curiosity, strong instructional foundation, and community spirit. To make that transition even smoother, we are focusing on developing intentional study and homework habits that build a gentle onramp to high school rigor—without sacrificing the vital developmental balance middle schoolers need.

More than anything, we want to express how grateful we are that your family is part of RMS. Both Chelsea and I have spent our careers in education, and walking into this building every morning remains a genuine privilege. There is an infectious energy here—of collective success, academic curiosity, and a shared belief in what our students can accomplish.

We cannot wait to open the doors for your students, partner with you throughout the year, and hear your feedback on how we can best support your family.

Thank you for your trust, your partnership, and for making RMS such an extraordinary place to grow.

With an abundance of excitement,
Chelsea & O’Leary

How to Access Your Schedule

Scheduling at the Richmond School is a dynamic process with many moving parts. All schedules are now open for viewing on two platforms:

- PowerSchool through your student or family login
- Schoology through your student's login

If your student did not get the electives they wished for Quarter One, it's okay! Students get to sign up for electives for each quarter going forward, so they will get the opportunity to chase their interests.

Open House on Monday, August 24th

With the start of school right around the corner you (or your student) might be wondering: "How will I get from place to place?"

We are excited to host an **open house at RMS on Monday, 8.24,**

- **From 3-4 pm:** RMS school counselors, Liz Powers and Kim Bragg, along with some current RMS students, are offering a short orientation that will include some activities to get to know other students, tour RMS/walk through students' first day schedules, and answer any questions. Orientation will be just about an hour, and families are welcome to walk through RMS at the end of the orientation with their child around 4 PM.
- **From 4-6 pm:** This will be the chance to:
 - Come see all of your friends before the year starts
 - Get tours of the building and walk your personal schedule to feel day-one ready
 - Meet your school counselors - Ms. Bragg & Mrs. Powers!

Some teachers might be in the building working or preparing their classrooms - so it is a good chance to say "hello!" to familiar faces, too!

If you are a student new to the district and want to take the language placement test for Spanish or French, we will have a station set up for your student to complete that. It is a quick written assessment so that the team can properly place your students in Spanish/French 1-3. If you are returning to RMS, there is no need to take this assessment.

Wednesday, August 27th, First Day of School for Students. RMS offers supervision beginning at 7:30 each morning. At that time students may wait in the lobby, library, or participate in morning soccer or basketball.

Arrival, transportation, and pick up

Bus routes:

- For transportation updates and bus routes please check the [SAU transportation page](#). On this resource page you will find the bus request form and current bus routes.

Student drop off/pick up:

- After a summer away, or as an introduction, here are some reminders/introductions:
 - A reminder that the speed limit on Lyme Rd during drop off/pickup times is **15 mph**. Feel free to share with your friends, sometimes our commuters forget.
 - Please use the "cutouts" along Lyme rd. as the main drop off and pick up locations.
 - When the traffic light in front of the school is flashing the circle in front of school is reserved for buses only.

- The North and South parking lots are **reserved for staff** and are quite active (and thus not safe) before and after school. Please park along Lyme rd.
- When parked in the cutouts, please remain with your car and pull forward as space opens. This allows us to fit more cars into the line.
- Please be sure to pull into the cutout completely and as far forward as possible. This allows for continued traffic flow.
- If there are no spaces in the cutouts (this happens sometimes during the first week of school or after a snow storm, but usually there is room) please continue north or south and circle around.
- There are rotaries (traffic circles, round a rounds, etc.) in both directions on Lyme Road which allow you to continue past the school and turn around quickly. Please use these traffic features rather than trying to turn around in parking lots, make U turns, etc.
 - **Please do not stop in the road** in an attempt to pick up students. Students stepping into the road is a safety hazard.
 - If students need to cross Lyme Road, please remind them to do so **ONLY** at the crosswalks

Attendance and Absences:

- Please email Jodi as soon as possible if your student will be out of school due to illness, appointment or they are simply running late.
- If you know your student will be out for the day or a period of days for a religious holiday, tournament or other event, please notify the school in advance and have your student notify their teachers.
- Daily attendance is taken at 8:05. If your child is not in their homeroom, they must check into the office to sign in and get a pass. They will be marked absent by their homeroom teacher.
- For students that are unaccounted for, we will start calling families around 9:00 to simply ascertain that the student is accounted for and if they are coming in late or will be absent for the entire day.
- **LATE ARRIVAL/EARLY DISMISSALS** - If your student needs to leave early or will be coming in late, a parent or caregiver **MUST notify the school by email (rmsattendance@sau70.org) and/or a signed note** as soon as possible - preferably days before or promptly the morning of. Please also include if the student will be returning that day. Your child will not be allowed to leave school grounds without this.
- **LAST MINUTE DISMISSALS** - If you come to pick up your student early and we are not aware, we will have to find the student and disrupt the class. **We will also require an ID** from you to ensure that you are a legal parent/guardian/caregiver that is listed on the students record in PowerSchool.

Personal Devices: Bell to Bell

- To help our students stay engaged and present in their learning, we are continuing the bell-to-bell ban on personal electronic devices for the upcoming school year. Personal electronic devices like cell phones should be turned off and stored in the student's backpack. This practice is designed to support our students in being attentive, focused, and connected to their teachers and peers throughout the school day.
- We understand that families need to be able to reach their children, and we have dedicated systems in place to support this. If you need to get a message to your child during the school day, you can:
 - Call the main office at 603-643-6040. We will answer and deliver messages to your student.
 - Email the office at attendance@sau70.org to have a message forwarded to your child.

Student Supply Lists

These lists have not changed since the Spring, but they are here as a refresher.

6th Grade

On the first day of school, you should have the following general supplies: (We have linked to Amazon products but please feel free to shop wherever you would like!)

- One [3-inch 3-ring binder with plastic front cover](#)
- Six [hole-punched sturdy pocket folders](#)
- Wired headphones
- Other Supplies:
 - sticky notes and index cards
 - pen/pencil case
 - pens (black and blue)
 - [#2 pencils](#)/ latex free erasers
 - highlighters/markers/sharpies
 - colored pencils
 - a supply of [reinforced 3-hole punched lined paper](#)
 - refillable water bottle
- Physical Education: Sneakers

You will use pencils faster than you expect - be prepared to replenish them regularly throughout the year. Binders typically need replacing at least once during the school year. Please put your name on your supplies and belongings (including your clothing and water bottle) before you bring them to school.

Additionally, this year, the sixth graders will be using Google Drive and Schoology for many of their assignments and will often require internet access. There will be times when students may need to print a document before class. This can be done at school.

7th Grade

All students will be provided with a school-issued Chromebook for use during their time in the building. This device should cover all their electronic needs—7th graders do not need to bring a phone to school.

- Four Composition Notebooks: English, Social Studies, French, Spanish, Science. College-lined, 100 pages, needs to hold up all year.
- Four sturdy pocket folders: English, Social Studies, Science, and Spanish.
- Math:
 - Mitchler: one 1-inch three-ring binder, one pack of 5-page dividers, a pack of lined loose-leaf paper, one pocket folder with holes to go in the binder, and other supplies as listed
 - Panowicz: one 2-inch three-ring binder*, one pack of 5-page dividers, 10 clear sheet protectors, a pack of lined loose-leaf paper, one pocket folder with holes to go in the binder, and a pack of black [thin dry-erase markers](#)
 - up to a 2.5-inch binder is recommended for Advanced Math
 - Wired headphones with a microphone
- Other Supplies:
 - pens (black and blue)
 - pen/pencil case
 - highlighters/markers/sharpies
 - #2 pencils/ latex free erasers
 - colored pencil
 - refillable water bottle
- English - Independent reading book
 - Physical Education: Sneakers

- Musicians: Any supplies specific to your instrument, such as reeds, valve oil, slide grease, neck straps, rosin, shoulder rests, and rock stops

8th Grade

General Supplies to be carried throughout school day in a backpack:

- 4 Folders for papers—one for each non-math subject
- 3 Composition notebooks—one each for English, Science, and World Language
- One 1" binder for Math, with both loose-leaf graph and lined paper
- Pencils, pens, and erasers (to be refilled throughout the year!)
- Wired earbuds or headphones (Bluetooth headphones will not connect to Chromebooks)
- Refillable water bottle

Subject-specific additional supplies:

- Physical Education: sneakers
- Musicians: Any supplies/equipment specific to your instrument, such as reeds, valve oil, slide grease, neck straps, rosin, shoulder rests, rock stops, as well as your instrument.
- Art: Please bring a pencil with you to Art.

Seventh Grade Health Information

Dear Parent/Guardian,

During this school year, your child will be enrolled in seventh grade Health taught by Mr. Atkinson. The goal of this course is to help develop students who are knowledgeable about human development and reproduction, who respect and appreciate themselves, their families and all persons, and who will neither exploit others nor allow themselves to be exploited. This course was developed to aid in providing students with assistance in making healthy choices, especially with regard to sexual education.

Our curriculum will cover many aspects of sexual education. We encourage parents to review the syllabus and start the conversation at home. A parent or guardian can be the primary sexual educator in a child's life, and we hope this course will help initiate conversation at home about sexual health.

Please visit and review our [Class Syllabus](#). This will help you understand what your child will be learning throughout the quarter and could help facilitate any conversations you may have at home.

If you have any concerns about your child being enrolled in this class or have any questions contact me via brianatkinson@hanovernorwichschools.org.

Sincerely,

Brian Atkinson

PE/Health Educator

Key Dates



Dresden School District
Hanover High School & Frances C. Richmond Middle School

2026-2027 School Calendar

July 2026						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
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July (Dresden)	
3	Holiday - Schools closed for students & staff

August 2026						
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August	
24	Teacher Inservice, no school for students
25	Teacher Inservice, no school for students
26	First day for Students

September 2026						
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September	
7	Holiday - Schools closed for students & staff

October 2026						
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October	
9	Teacher Inservice, no school for students
12	Non-school day for students, most staff

November 2026						
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November	
11	Holiday - Schools closed for students & staff
25	Non-school day for students, most staff
26-27	Holiday - Schools closed for students & staff

December 2026						
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December	
21-23	Non-school day for students, most staff
24	Holiday - Schools closed for students & staff
25	Holiday - Schools closed for students & staff
28-31	Non-school day for students, most staff

January 2027						
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January	
1	Holiday - Schools closed for students & staff

February 2027						
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February	
15	Holiday - Schools closed for students & staff
22-26	Non-school day for students, most staff

March 2027						
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March	
15	Teacher Inservice, no school for students

April 2027						
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April	
19-23	Non-school day for students, most staff

May 2027						
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May	
31	Holiday - Schools closed for students & staff

June 2027						
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June	
16	Last Day of School for Students*
17	Teacher Inservice, no school for students
** In the event of snow days, the last day of school and inservice will get pushed to a date later in June	

Meal Updates

Please contact Robin if you need meal assistance. We are working with Whitman's for the kitchen this year!
More news to come soon.

Coaching Fall Sports at RMS

Want to get involved in some coaching this Fall? [The postings are here if you are interested.](#)

- Head coach for girls field hockey
- Head coach for boys b-team soccer
- Head coach for girls a-team soccer
- Head coach for girls b-team soccer

Volunteering

The Ray School, Richmond Middle School, Marion Cross, and Hanover High School are proud of our volunteer community. We benefit greatly from the time and energy that community members give to our students. If you are interested in volunteering in one of our schools, please fill out this [Volunteer Form](#) - Teal Parker or Bridget Peters will be in touch to help you navigate the next steps in the process (fingerprinting/background check and Mandatory Reporter training module depending on state requirements).

Fingerprint cards are valid for two years while the Mandatory Reporter module must be renewed annually to remain in good standing. If you have any questions or are unsure of your current Volunteer Status, please reach out to Teal at tealparker@hanovernorwichschools.org before submitting a new volunteer application.

Student Registration

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Welcome! It is time to complete your child(ren)'s Annual Permission and Medical Forms. **Even if your student is returning, you still need to fill out this form every year so we have the most up to date and accurate contact, permissions and medical information for your child.**

If you have more than one child, you will receive a letter for each child and need to fill out a registration form for each of them. If you are not the primary parent/guardian of the child then please contact the school so they can update the contact information and relay this email notification to the correct contact.

Things to Note:

- Please fill out this form on a computer web browser. **THE FORM IS NOT FORMATTED FOR MOBILE DEVICES AND CANNOT BE ACCESSED THROUGH THE APP.**
- The parent/guardian who starts the registration process **MUST** be the one to complete it. **No other parent/guardian will be able to access the registration form after it is started.**

How to get to the form:

- Go to one of the following URLs, depending on which state your **child's school is located**
 - Students who attend Ray, RMS and HHS: <https://sau70.powerschool.com/public/home.html>
 - Students who attend MCS: <https://mcssau70.powerschool.com/public/home.html>
 - **Note: If you have children in both MCS and Hanover schools, you must use both links .**
- Enter your username and password and click 'Sign In'. If you do not remember your username and/or password, email helpdesk@hanovernorwichschools.org, and one of the members of the Tech Team will reset it for you. **Please be aware your reset password is only valid for 24 hours.**

Once you are logged in, toggle to the child you are filling out the form for. On the left hand sidebar, click the 'Registration' icon to begin the registration process. When you get to the end of the form, **ensure you click submit and get the verification message before exiting the registration form.**

If you are struggling with any of these steps, please email helpdesk@hanovernorwichschools.org and the Tech Team at your building will get in touch to help you.

Thank you!

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