

Program Questions	Program Characteristics
Who can enroll in Rockford Virtual?	Any RPS student DK-12 may request enrollment.
Which curriculum will be delivered?	Teachers in grades K-6 will facilitate student learning parallel to in person classrooms. Selected curriculum materials vary by grade level to meet the needs of each grade in the virtual setting.
Which subjects are being provided?	Elementary: Literacy, Math, Social Studies, Science, Art, Music and PE. Middle and High School: English, Math, Social Studies, Science, and limited Elective Options
Where will students work?	Students will work largely at home, but there will some be in person requirements in 2021.22. Those are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Standardized testing (NWEA, M-STEP, PSAT/SAT, ACT WorkKeys) applicable by grade. • Proctored tests or exams as applicable by grade, course and teacher. • Required seminar or lab to accompany specific high school courses (max of 2, half-days per tri per course)
What is the daily amount of time students are expected to engage in learning?	Rockford Virtual students will follow the RPS school calendar and participation expectations mimic those of a normal school day. Therefore, all students will engage in six hours of daily academic work and may expect additional time for homework, particularly at upper grade levels.
Do parents need to help?	Virtual learning requires a partnership between school and home. Elementary students will require substantial help from a parent or caregiver. Secondary students will benefit from a parent or caregiver's progress monitoring and accountability support.
What type of grading can I expect?	Elementary teachers will utilize progress reports with indicators of proficiency (secure, developing, and beginning). Secondary students will receive traditional letter grades based on scores calculated through Apex scored activities, including assignments, quizzes, tests and final exams.
What commitment to the program must the students/parents make?	Students enroll for the 2021.22 school year. Students may request to move in person at the trimester, but may only do so if classroom space is available. Staffing will not be adjusted at the trimester mark to accommodate moves. Students commit to working each scheduled school day, completing and submitting their own work, attending all live meetings upon request from the teacher, and attending in person requirements (see above).

	Parents commit to partnering with teachers throughout the year, supporting students as needed by age, reading messages and newsletters for important information and providing transportation as needed for in person requirements (see above).
Can a student participate within co-curriculars at Rockford Public Schools?	Yes. Rockford Virtual students are Rockford Public School students and they are eligible to participate in co-curricular activities at their home building. Students that enroll in online programs outside of RPS are not eligible.
How can my child enroll in Rockford Virtual?	If all legal guardians and the student agree that virtual learning is the best approach for the student in 2021.22, a guardian will complete the virtual enrollment request through Skyward Family Access by August 2.
What can I expect after completing the virtual enrollment request?	<p>Following the enrollment request, the family will complete an application, which includes information necessary to determine the need or benefit of virtual learning for this student.</p> <p>Upon acceptance into the virtual program, the team will create or revise the student’s Educational Development Plan as required in 2021.22.</p> <p>Rockford Virtual families will receive classroom placement information by Friday, August 16.</p> <p>An orientation-welcome session will be held for elementary parents/guardians (and students as age-appropriate).</p> <p>Students in grades 7-12 and a parent/guardian are required to attend an orientation program before beginning virtual courses. Please mark the calendar for Monday, August 16 from 9-11 a.m. The make-up date will be held on Friday, August 20 from 9-11 a.m.</p>
Will students be expected to follow a daily schedule?	<p>Elementary students will engage in scheduled learning throughout the scheduled school day, with a blend of synchronous lessons, asynchronous lessons and independent work.</p> <p>The curriculum for secondary students is mostly asynchronous, but students are highly encouraged to establish and adhere to a daily routine. Also, please note that adjustments to the daily routine may be necessary to accommodate testing, interventions, or changes to the program that are in the best interests of virtual students.</p>
Are high school AP classes offered?	Advanced Placement courses are best supported in the face-to-face setting. Please contact the appropriate RHS counselor to discuss further.
What language courses will be offered through Rockford Virtual?	Students who elect to take their language in the virtual setting are limited to the Spanish offering due to available staff. Students who wish to take another language offered at Rockford High School may certainly do so in person.

Can my high school student enroll in Rockford Virtual and still participate in KCTC?	Yes. Rockford High School will provide scheduling options for both programs.
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