



# River City Academy Pod Post

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**POSITIVE SCHOOL CLIMATE!**  
MENTORING  
SMALL SCHOOL SIZE  
GRADES 7-12+  
CULTURE OF RESPECT

**River City Academy**

**PERFORMANCE BASED GRADING**  
MINIMUM GRADE OF B  
TEACHER FEEDBACK  
GUIDED REVISION

NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR GRADES 7-12  
[HTTPS://KPBSD.ORG/SCHOOLS/RIVER-CITY-ACADEMY/](https://kpbsd.org/schools/river-city-academy/)

Now  
Accepting  
Applications  
for Grades  
7-12th  
for school  
year 24/25!

**River City Academy  
Tutoring  
Hours**

Students that want to participate in tutoring must sign up ahead of time! Sign up sheet will be located in the office. Students must list the project, PFA, checkpoint, or assessment they hope to complete during this time.

**April 3rd  
2:30pm- 4:30pm**

## A Message from Principal Shea

## Parents we need your input!!!



We have some big changes in RCA's future. We value you and your student's input in shaping the future of our school. Students have the opportunity to give input at school Meetings. Parents if you could make time to attend a **Parent Input Meeting on Wednesday, April 10th at 5:00 pm**, we would love to get your thoughts about the following:

- 24-25 schedule and course offerings -New building input - Transition from Summit Learning to Gradient Canvas - Staffing - Enrollment
- Please let me know about your intention to come (714-6400) so we can plan accordingly. We will meet in the RCA Common Room.

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS

**March 29th-** Early Release at RCA. Students will be dismissed at 12:40pm. Busses will run 90 minutes early in the afternoon.

**April 2nd-4th-** AK Star testing  
Students need to show up on time and well rested as grades 7-10 will be testing the first two hours of their school day. For any questions please reach out to Mrs. Wiseman: [kwiseman@kpbsd.org](mailto:kwiseman@kpbsd.org)

## RCA SPOTLIGHT

**TEACHER  
MRS. MICHELLE**

Thank you to our amazing Special Education teacher!

Not only does she work to provide specialized education at RCA, she is also instrumental in producing the Yearbook, bringing videography and the RCA film festival to RCA, and facilitating a careers class for students to work on job skills needed for success in careers. Thank you Michelle!



# SENIOR CORNER

## *River City Academy Graduation*



May 13th, 2024 @ 6 pm  
Location: River City Academy

**April 29th** - Student Checkout sheet to be sent via email or available in the office for Seniors to start working on. Both RCA and RCA Middle College students will be expected to submit a completed student checkout sheet prior to participating in graduation activities.

**April 29th** - Last day of KPC classes

**April 30th- May 4th** - Finals Week for KPC

**May 3rd** - Last day to submit work for RCA classes and Distance ED classes OR have a plan in place

**May 6th-10th** - Exploration week. Please let Shea know if you need the .25 elective credit for this week and/or are planning to attend. All students are invited to sign up for these activity classes!

**May 10th** - Deadline for paying all fines and returning devices/RCA materials to RCA office to participate in graduation activities.

**May 13th** - RCA Graduation Rehearsal @ 1 pm, Location: River City Academy. If you are walking in the RCA Graduation Ceremony you must attend.

## Early Release Dates

School Dismissal @ 12:40 pm

March 29th\*

April 12th

March 29th is now our make-up snow day for our November 9th snow closure day.

We are currently planning our **2024/2025** school year!

**We have opened up enrollment to our families for siblings that want to come to our school for next year! Please fill out an application form from our RCA website or copies can be found in our office. Additionally, if you know of anyone who would benefit from extended project time, mentoring, helpful feedback, and a culture of respect, encourage them to check out RCA!**

Please turn in completed applications to our RCA office or email Amanda @ [abarber@kpbsd.k12.ak.us](mailto:abarber@kpbsd.k12.ak.us)

**For current students that will be returning next year:**

There will be more communication later on regarding how to re-register your student for next year.



**FALL 2024  
APPLICATION OPENS  
APRIL 1ST!**

Incoming KPBSD Juniors & Seniors  
Apply online!

**FILL OUT  
PAPERWORK  
WITH KPC**

- Complete the Non-Degree Seeking Application at KPC to get your student ID
- Schedule placement testing as soon as possible
- Students will be notified of acceptance on a first-come basis.

**New Students**  
**FALL**  
**MIDDLE COLLEGE  
REGISTRATION PROCESS**

**Opens April 1 on the KPBSD Website**

**KPBSD APPLICATION**  
Complete the KPBSD Middle College Application  
An Advisor will reach out with next steps & to confirm we have received your application.

**Available on the KPC website:**

**KPC PAPERWORK**  
Complete the following paperwork for the college:

- KPC Non-Degree Application to get your UA ID
- KPC Student Parent Authorization
- KPC FERPA Paperwork

**MUST Complete By August 1**

**KPC PLACEMENT TESTING**  
To qualify for Middle College students must place into WRGT 111 or MATH 105  
Complete the KPC Accuplacer OR ALEKS placement test or other placement options.

**KPBSD Advisor**

**ADVISING**  
Once you qualify - Meet with a KPMCS advisor to plan your schedule!

**By August 20**

**REGISTRATION**  
Register for the classes & add them to your UAOnline account.



**Kenai Peninsula Middle College will be accepting applications into their Middle College program for Fall 2024 on April 1st.**

**Please visit KPMCS' website for more details!**

Kenai Peninsula Middle College Website:  
<https://kpbsd.org/departments/assistant-superintendent/instructional-services/secondary-education/college-career/middle-college/>

Eligible students should have a minimum grade point average of 2.5, be a junior or senior in high school (for school year 24-25) and test at appropriate placement levels for college readiness.

# New Building?

## Updates

Parents and students have been asking about when we would be moving to the new building.

Great question!

Here are some articles about how High Costs have stalled some of the building projects:

<https://www.peninsulaclarion.com/news/high-costs-stall-work-on-school-bond/>

<https://www.kdll.org/local-news/2023-10-03/school-district-weighs-options-following-major-hikes-to-bond-project-costs>

Part of the bond that passed slated a new home for River City Academy in the Prep building.

Here are the results from a student survey about the move.

66% of the students reported they were excited about the move.

30% replied “maybe” about being depending on what the new schedule and classrooms looked like.

Only 4% of students were hesitant about the transition to a new space.



93% of students identified positive impacts to having our own space. Here is what they said:

“We would have more gym time”

“We wouldn’t have to share the halls”

“Being able to have more and different classes”

“it would help bring in more students because we would be in town.”

“I could walk to school.”

“We would always be able to use the gym”

“No outside interruptions”

Other benefits that have been identified are

- All classrooms would have 4 walls and a door.
- Students taking 1 or 2 classes at SoHi would be able to walk to class (Band, welding, ceramics..etc.)
- The schedule would not be dependent on the schedule of another school.
- Students would feel comfortable with their own space.
- Extra space would make exploration classes and activity classes more enriching and open the door to more class options.
- Being in town makes for easier community and career connections. Since the move up to Skyview it has limited our volunteer and community opportunities.
- Closer to SoHi sports teams for easier participation.

So what can you do?

It may be important for parents and students to let the borough know about RCA! What success has RCA provided for you or your student? What is RCA all about? Why do you support RCA in its own building? Many people in the community either do not know about RCA or have misconceptions about which students RCA serves! Your stories can change that.

It may be helpful for the borough mayor, Peter Micciche, to hear from you about our school! Then they can make informed decisions going forward with the bond projects.

If you would like to discuss this further, please call me:  
714-6400 -Shea