



River City Academy Pod Post

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

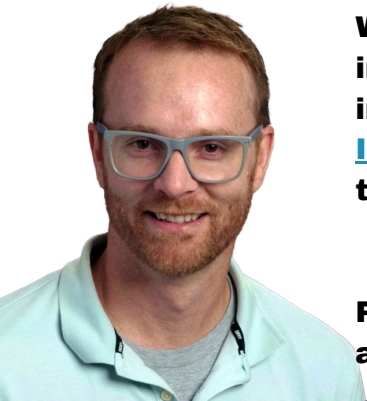
River City Academy
PERFORMANCE BASED GRADING
MINIMUM GRADE OF B
TEACHER FEEDBACK
GUIDED REVISION

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!

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

April 8th-11th- MAPS Testing for all 10th Graders. Testing will take place during Mentoring. Regular RCA Schedule will apply on these days.

April 12th- Early Release @ 12:40pm. Busses will be running in the afternoon 90 minutes early on this day.

April 23rd- KPC Process Tech Tour, open to all 11th and 12th graders. Field trip forms are located in the office.

RCA SPOTLIGHT

RESOURCE AIDE HANS

Hans is Mrs. Michelle's super amazing sidekick! We can't imagine Hans not being part of RCA as he is a super valuable member of the RCA community.

Fun Fact: Hans is a RCA Alumni.
Go Class of 2018!

In Hans' free time he is currently taking college classes to earn his teaching degree in hopes of teaching with KPBSD!



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 student's 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

April 12th

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

For current students that will be attending a KPBSD school for 24-25 school year:

**Registration forms are now OPEN!
Please register for 24/25 school year
To register: forms.kpbsd.org**



RCA PARENT MEETING*



Date: April 10th, 2024 at 5 pm

Where: River City Academy, RCA Common Room

TOPICS TO INCLUDE:

- 24/25 Schedule Course Offerings -
- New Building Input - Transition from Summit Learning to Gradient Canvas -
- Staffing - Enrollment -

Please
RSVP to
attend
this event!
714-6400

*For current school year 23/24 RCA families

RCA Parent Meeting for 23/24 school year families!



River City Academy

NEW PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT

APRIL 22ND 6 PM - 6:45PM

RIVER CITY ACADEMY
(LOCATED IN THE SKYVIEW MIDDLE SCHOOL BUILDING)
46188 STERLING HWY, SOLDOTNA

TOPICS TO INCLUDE, BUT NOT LIMITED TO:

- LEARN ABOUT OUR SCHOOL -
- LEARN ABOUT STANDARDS BASED LEARNING -
- LEARN ABOUT THE BENEFITS OF HOW YOUR CHILD WOULD BENEFIT FROM OUR PROGRAM -
- RCA'S MENTORSHIP PROGRAM -
- Q&A -

RSVP: CALL OUR OFFICE SO WE CAN SAVE YOU A SEAT! 907-714-6400

New Parent Information Night for any families interested in learning about our RCA program!



NOW OPEN!

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

KPBSD APPLICATION

**Opens
April 1**
on the KPBSD
Website

Complete the KPBSD Middle College Application

An Advisor will reach out with next steps & to confirm we have received your application.

KPC PAPERWORK

**Available
on the KPC
website:**

Complete the following paperwork for the college:

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

KPC PLACEMENT TESTING

**MUST
Complete By
August 1**

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.

ADVISING

**KPBSD
Advisor**

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

REGISTRATION

**By August
20**

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 and classrooms looked like.

Only 4% of students where 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