

ROCK HILL HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Students:

I hope you have enjoyed a fun-filled and relaxing summer. It's now time to start thinking about the 2023-2024 school year. Rock Hill High School will have six designated orientation dates in order to issue schedules, textbooks, picture I.D.'s, parking permits, and a school issued computer. The orientation process starts at the tents located at the Welcome Center. It is important that you come to orientation, so you are prepared on the first day of school. The designated times are listed below:

SENIORS
Monday, August 7th
9:00am – 3:00pm

JUNIORS
Tuesday, August 8th
9:00am – 3:00pm

SOPHOMORES
Wednesday, August 9th
9:00am – 3:00pm

FRESHMEN
Thursday, August 10th
9:00am – 3:00pm

MAKE UP ORIENTATION - ALL GRADES

Friday, August 11th
9:00am – 3:00pm

Monday, August 14th
2:00pm – 7:00pm

Make-Up Orientation is for students who were unable to attend their designated day because of work or other obligations.

Station #1 – Residency Verification – Required to proceed through the orientation process.

Following new district policy, the following students are required to provide a proof of residency:

- All rising 9th grade students
- Any student planning to participate in school-sponsored athletics for the school year
- Any student planning on riding the bus for transportation

Mortgage statement, lease/rental agreement, electric bill, or gas bill showing your correct and current address are the only types of proof of residency that will be accepted. The residency that is submitted must be a current bill within the last 60 days from the current date submitted. All proof of residencies must be brought in paper form to orientation or emailed prior to orientation to salexander@rhmail.org. If you email a proof of residency, please make sure to put student's name in the email. Students that are listed above that are required to submit a proof of residency, will not be permitted to continue to the other stations of orientation without providing this information. All parents or legal guardians **must complete** the online registration through Gateway website prior to orientation. The website can be accessed at <https://www.rock-hill.k12.sc.us/>. The student's canvas login and password should be used to log into Gateway. Computers will be available during orientation if you do not internet or computer access.

Station #2 – School Pictures

School yearbook pictures for students in 9th grade ONLY will be taken during orientation. Grades 10 and 11 will have school pictures taken during the school day on August 29. All Senior and Underclassmen school photos will be taken by Carolina Photography. If you have questions, please contact them at 704-483-5862. Please come dressed appropriately.

Station #3 – Identification Cards (required for all other steps in orientation)

Your ID card must be worn on your upper torso anytime you are on the campus of Rock Hill High School and/or Applied Technology Center. ID's are required for use in the library, cafeteria, to receive textbooks and identification purposes. ID's that are misplaced during the year will cost \$5.00 for the card, \$3.00 for the case, \$2.00 for the lanyard, or \$10 for the complete set. Temporary ID's will be \$1.00 per day. Students are allowed 5 temporary ID's on credit before disciplinary action will be taken.

Station #4 – Delinquent Fees and Fines

Past fees and fines must be paid during orientation. Any textbooks that were not returned from prior school year(s) should be turned in at this station.

Station #5 – Athletics

You will be able to pay athletic fees and purchase student sports passes for the 23-24 school year. You may also go to Gofan.co and purchase the student sports pass in advance. If you purchase prior to orientation, the pass will be available for pick up during orientation.

Station #6 - Schedules

You will need to pick up your schedule in order to check out textbooks. Be sure to bring your schedule with you on the first day of classes. *No changes to schedules will be allowed unless RHHS has made a mistake on your schedule.* Guidance counselors will be available if a change is necessary.

Station #7 – Parking (Only 10th -12th graders are allowed to drive by board policy.)

- Parking is a privilege extended for students in Powerschool listed in grades 10th – 12th **ONLY!**
- All information on the parking application must be completed correctly in order for the application to be processed.
- All outstanding fines and fees must be paid before parking privileges will be granted.
- No parking sticker will be awarded without a **VALID** SC Driver's License and a primary vehicle to register.
- **Alive at 25 course must be completed to obtain a parking pass.** Student must print out their certificate to present when purchasing a parking sticker. (This certificate can be printed from www.scnsc.org)
- Failure to **PROPERLY** display parking sticker will result in tickets and/or fines!
- Your vehicle is subject to being searched at all times while on school property.

All students who drive to school must have a school parking pass. You may pick up a parking application prior to orientation in the Welcome Center between 8:00 am and 4:00 pm Monday through Thursday. Please bring your completed application to your orientation session. (This certificate can be printed from www.scnsc.org) You will be required to present your driver's license and completed application in order to purchase a decal. The cost of a parking permit is \$20.00. Gold card holders will receive a free parking pass if they are on the current list from the end of the 22-23 school year term.

Station #8 – Medical Forms

Medical forms that are required for each school year will be available for pick up. These can be returned once school has started to the nurse's office.

Station #9 - Yearbook

Students will be able to order their 2023-2024 yearbook. Students will receive a discount for purchasing in advance.

Station #10 – Computer Registration & Pick Up

You will need to complete a Technology Form on Parent Portal for this school year. You will receive an email from the district office to let you know when that form is available in Parent Portal for completion.

Station #11 – Textbook

Present your schedule and school ID to receive your textbooks. Once you have checked out textbooks, you will be responsible for these books.

Also available in A-Building lobby:

Balfour - Senior Cap and Gowns (Only available at Senior & Make up Orientations)

Balfour will be available to take graduation orders. You will receive a mailing from Balfour prior to orientation or you may call Buddy Roth at 803-814-2077.

Bearcat Backers – Bearcat Backers will be at orientation Monday through Thursday selling merchandise. Also, at Senior orientation they will be selling “Reserved” decorated parking spots to seniors only.

Just a Reminder:

All students need to bring their laptop charged and their chargers with them on the 1st day of school!

I look forward to seeing you at orientation on August 7th – 11th & August 14th!

Sincerely,

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