



Greetings Rankin Families!

I'd like to welcome our Rankin Rams to the 2020-2021 school year!!! We have certainly missed seeing all our Rankin Rams and are excited to kick off the new year with you! We are looking forward to partnering with you again this year as we continue to work collectively to ensure we are preparing our scholars to be college and career ready! As you prepare for the 2020-2021 school year, we want you to have some important information about what to expect.

Meet and Greet Times

As I mentioned in my parent message to you recently, please anticipate a phone call from your child's teacher this week welcoming your child to Rankin and informing you of their new class assignment. Teachers will also host a virtual "Meet and Greet" with parents for you to receive important beginning of the year information and resources. Please make sure that we have your correct contact information and e-mail address. There will be a "Kindergarten Drive Thru" on August 18th from 9:00 to 10:30 a.m. and 5:00 to 6:30 p.m. as we welcome our new Rankin Rams with a special hello!

Based on public health guidance, the first nine weeks of school will be delivered remotely. Within the week, you will receive more details about:

- your student orientation date and time
- student assessments
- health and safety protocols
- remote learning expectations

Below you will find additional information regarding remote learning:

The First Three Weeks of Remote Learning in Guilford County Schools/Rankin:

For the first three weeks of school, students will login to Canvas daily. To login, students will need their student ID #. Please contact our school if you do not know your child's student ID #. Students will have recorded lessons daily with assignments to complete. Students will turn in assignments to teachers. Assignments will be graded, and student attendance will be monitored by classroom teachers.

Recorded lessons will include math, English Language Arts, Science, Social Studies, Art, Physical Education, Library/Media and social and emotional learning opportunities (like tips for managing stress and getting to know you activities). Rankin teachers will contact students daily through phone calls, messages and small group sessions. We will also have additional Student Support Team staff providing support and resources as well to assist all students during remote learning the first nine weeks. Live daily online instruction will begin September 8th and families will receive more details on the next six weeks of remote learning during their student orientation appointment. Supports for remote learning can be found on the www.gcsnc.com homepage under the Reopening Schools tab.

Students Receiving Special Education Services

Parents who need to request Individualized Education Plan (IEP) meetings or schedule time for related services appointments (like occupational therapy and physical therapy) that cannot be provided remotely should contact our school.

Technology and Hotspots

GCS will send out 125 smart buses with internet access while students are participating in remote learning. Buses will be located at various sites throughout Greensboro and High Point. Wireless internet access is available in several school parking lots. The list of the 24 schools with outdoor internet can be found at <https://www.gcsnc.com/Page/64905>

Where to Get School Meals/Free and Reduced Lunch Applications

Through August 31st meals are available for children under the age of eighteen at 41 schools and 65 neighborhood locations. Information on the times of service and the locations can be found at <https://www.gcsnc.com/Page/64834>

Starting September 1st, GCS students or the parent/guardian of a GCS student can pick up meals at all schools. Times of services will be announced prior to September 1st.

The application for free & reduced meals can be found at www.gcsnc.com homepage under the Reopening Schools tab. This application can be completed by any parent/guardian of a student in a Guilford County School at any point during the school year. **All families at all schools are encouraged to complete this application as approval may qualify a family for additional benefits during the global pandemic.**

Again, I am looking forward to an exciting year of learning with our Rankin Rams! We will continue to thrive as we work collaboratively as partners in your child's education.

Regards,

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Principal

Rankin Elementary