

The Academy of Richmond County

Leading and following, teaching and learning for a global community since 1783

Dear Students, Parents/Guardians,

On behalf of the faculty, staff and administration I will take this opportunity to welcome you to the Academy of Richmond County as we are looking forward to assisting you in fulfilling your educational goals. ARC has a rich history of outstanding academic and extracurricular accomplishments. We not only expect you to carry on the tradition but to set and meet academic goals in becoming lifelong learners while becoming productive citizens. You can benefit from everything Richmond has to offer by being involved in your classes and the programs being offered. I strongly encourage you to get involved in athletics, arts and/or clubs. Research indicates that students that are involved in their school experience more academic success. We are here to make your years in high school successful and challenging. We welcome the opportunity to help you as you proceed through your high school career.

The purpose of this hand book is to share pertinent information with each of you, which will help you to be more successful. Please take the time to read this handbook carefully, and if you have any questions you may contact your teacher, guidance counselor or an administrator.

Have a great year!

Carl T. Spivey
Principal

“Success is measured not so much by the position that one has reached in life as by the obstacles which have been overcome while trying to succeed.”

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1.2 SCHOOL HISTORY

As the oldest chartered high school in the United States, the Academy of Richmond County was founded in 1783. The Georgia legislature, meeting in Augusta on July 31, 1783, created a board of commissioners who were instructed to establish an academy or seminary of learning. These men became the Trustees of Richmond Academy.

The first home of the Academy was on Bay Street with William Rogers of Maryland serving as the first master. In May, 1791, the Academy was honored by a visit from President George Washington, who attended the examinations of the students and expressed his pleasure at their performance.

In 1802, the Academy moved to a location on Telfair Street in the building which was once the home of the Augusta Museum. Between 1863 and 1865, the Academy building was used as the headquarters for a Confederate military hospital. Then, when Federal troops occupied Augusta from 1865-1867, the building was used as a military headquarters. The Academy reopened in 1868. On July 1, 1909, the Trustees of the Academy entered into a contract with the County Board of Education of Richmond County, whereby the local board employed the teachers, and the Trustees were to improve the property and increase the equipment.

Because of the increase in the size of the student body at the Academy in 1924, the Board voted on a bond issue to build a new building which is the main part of our school building today. A fifth year of studies was also added to the curriculum which evolved into the Junior College of Augusta which later became Augusta College and now Augusta State University.

In 1926, the Academy moved to its present location. Its sister, the vocational building, was added in 1952. The gymnasium was constructed in 1959, and a new media center and lunchroom were added in 1983. In 1978, Richmond Academy and the Augusta Vocational School merged to become the first comprehensive high school in Richmond County.

To celebrate the 200th birthday of the Academy, many activities were conducted during the 1982-83 school year. The bicentennial celebration, culminating on July 20 and 31, 1983, at the Augusta-Richmond County Civic Center, was attended by hundreds of alumni and friends of the Academy. The graduating class of 1983 was officially designated as the Bicentennial Class.

In 1987, the Academy of Richmond County was recognized by the Department of Education as a Georgia School of Excellence. ARC was the first high school in Richmond County to receive this coveted distinction, testifying that it has been unusually effective in defining academic goals, setting high expectations for students, offering innovative programs, rewarding teacher commitment, creating positive school climate, and involving citizens of the community.

We are proud of the great history and tradition of the Academy of Richmond County. It continually serves as an inspiration to all who attend.

School Colors: Purple and Gold

Mascot: Musketeers

First Semester

Registration	August 4
Freshman Orientation	August 6
First Day of School	August 7
Labor Day Holiday	September 7
Open House	September 9
Progress Reports Issued	September 9
Early Release/Parent Conference	September 16
Last Day of 1 st Nine Weeks	October 9
Early Release/Parent Conference	October 20
Professional Learning (Student Holiday)	October 21
Report Cards Go Home	October 22
Early Release/Parent Conference	November 10
Veteran's Day Holiday	November 11
Progress Reports Issued	November 17
Thanksgiving Holidays	November 25, 26, 27
End of 2 nd Nine Weeks	December 18
Christmas Break	December 21- January 1, 2010

Second Semester

Beginning of 2 nd Semester	January 4, 2010
Report Card Issued	January 12
M.L. King Holiday	January 18
Professional Learning /Student Holiday	January 19
Progress Reports Issued	February 4
Professional Learning/Student Holiday	February 15
End of 3 rd Nine Weeks	March 10
Early Release/Parent Conference	March 16
Professional Learning/Student Holiday	March 17
Report Cards Issued	March 18
Good Friday	April 2
Spring Break	April 5, 6, 7, 8, 9
Progress Reports Issued	April 20
Early Release/Parent Conference	April 29
Exams	May 18, 19, 20, and 21
Last Day of School	May 25

Schedules

Daily Schedule

Club Schedule (Wednesdays)

1st Period 7:35 – 8:25

2nd Period 8:30 – 9:25

3rd Period 9:30 – 10:20

4th Period 10:25 – 11:15

5th Period 11:15 – 12:40

6th Period 12:45 – 1:35

7th Period 1:40 – 2:30

1^s Period 7:35 - 8:18

2nd Period 8:23 – 9:06

Homeroom 9:11 – 9:46

3rd Period 9:51 – 10:34

4th Period 10:39 – 11:22

5th Period 11:27 – 12:52

6th Period 12:57 – 1:40

7th Period 1:45 – 2:30

For Help or Information

ARC main number	(706) 737-7152	Fax (706) 737-7155
Principal		Tim Spivey
Asst. Principal		Dr. Tonia Mason
Asst. Principal/CTAE		Renee Kelly
Asst. Principal		Robert Rhodes
I.B. Dean		Charlie Tudor
Main Office		Diane Crumbley
Bookkeeper		Brenda Elam
Guidance		Sonya Weaver
Guidance		Matt Johann
Guidance		Patrice Gude
Media Center		Ms. Streets and Ms. West
Athletics		Chris Hughes, AD
Data Clerk		Thelma Lewis
Nurse		Marlene Spears
RCSS Central Office	(706) 826-1000	
Transportation	(706) 796-4777	

General Information

Attendance

Students who are absent from school are required to bring a written excuse the next day that the student is back in school. The note must be taken to Mrs. Harris in the Media Center. Mrs. Harris will make a determination if the absence is excused or unexcused. She will email all teachers a list of the students with excused absences and a list of all unexcused absences. Students who have an excused absence will have five days upon their return to school to make up work. **It is the student's responsibility to set up dates and times for makeup work.** In the event of an unexcused absence, teachers may or may not allow students to make up work. This is strictly at the teachers' discretion.

Examples of excused absences are as follows:

1. Personal illness However, we will only accept 5 parent written notes for illness.
2. Serious illness or death in one's immediate or extended family requiring the student's absences.
3. Court appearance.
4. School related function authorized by the superintendent or designee.
5. Medical or dental appointments.
6. Extreme circumstances that cannot be resolved outside of school hours.
7. To visit with the child's parent or legal guardian prior to deployment or during leave from an overseas assignment to a combat zone or combat support position, up to a maximum of 5 school days per year.

Any student who is absent due to suspension shall have the opportunity to make up work within one week (5 days) after returning to school. **As mentioned above, it is the student's responsibility to make arrangements with his/her teachers.**

Early Dismissal

A student who wishes to leave school must bring a written request 24 hours in advance of the dismissal, stating the reason for dismissal. Once approved for dismissal no student may leave with any person unless that person is listed as one that may pick up that student.

Specific Attendance Issues

The Academy of Richmond County does not recognize or condone any type of student cut day. These absences are deemed unexcused.

Closed Campus

ARC operates a closed campus. Students must stay on school grounds from the time they arrive until dismissal. Students that ride the bus to school are dropped off or drive may not leave school unless they have checked out through the main office. Students that drive to school must obtain a parking permit.

Seniors with a 90 or above grade average, with no more than five (5) absences (all absences count, except school-related activities with principal's approval) are eligible to exempt the second semester exams—if all books are returned and fines and fees are paid.

Visitors on Campus

All visitors must have official business in order to be on campus. All visitors must check in with the front office upon entering the campus. Former students who do not have official business are not to be on campus. First offense will result in a criminal trespassing warning. The second offense will result in a charge of criminal trespassing and possibly arrest. This policy is in place to insure the safety of students, faculty and staff and to minimize the amount of disruption to instruction.

Telephone Messages

Telephones in the office are for official business and emergency. Messages received by the office will be passed on to the student between classes, unless it is an urgent message.

Promotion Requirements

9 th to 10 th grade	At least 5 units
10 th to 11 th	11 units
11 th to 12 th	18 units
Graduation	25 units

Books and Materials

The subject area teachers via the Media Center will issue textbooks to students. Books are to be returned at the end of each course. Prior to or at final exams, students who have lost books will be informed of the amount owed. Failure to not pay for lost or damaged books will result in the student not receiving his/her report card. In the case of a graduating senior, the diploma will be withheld.

Changing of Schedules

Due to year long courses, once schedules are set, no changes will be made.

Lockers

Lockers may be rented for a fee of \$10.00 for the school year. During the first week of school, lockers may be purchased from the homeroom teacher. Lockers are not to be shared. Valuables should not be brought to school. Richmond Academy nor the Richmond County Board of Education will not be liable for items stolen from lockers. Combinations should be turned fully before leaving the locker.

Parking

Students must have a valid parking permit hanging from the interior mirror. Parking permits are purchased through our Public Safety Officer during lunch at a cost of \$25.00. Students must have proof of insurance and a valid driver's license. The following rules apply to students who drive:

1. Must have a parking permit
2. Secure vehicle
3. Obey all traffic laws and speed limits while operating motor vehicle on campus
4. Student drives that leave school illegally are subject to having parking permit revoked.

Student vehicles are subject to search by administration if there is reasonable suspicion that the vehicle contains illegal contraband or a weapon. RCSD canine units will do unannounced searches throughout the year of all buildings and parking lots.

Gifted Programs

Richmond County schools provide programs for all qualifying system students in grades K-12 who exhibit superior performance, advanced learning needs and demonstrate a higher level of motivation and creativity. The identification process uses multiple criteria as mandated by the Georgia Board of Education.

Students may qualify on mental abilities and achievement or on three or four components, which include mental abilities, academic achievement, creativity and motivation or mental abilities alone for grade K-2.

Conduct and Discipline Excerpts

The Richmond County Board of Education Code of Student Conduct and Discipline for students of the Richmond County Public School system will be distributed under separate cover and discussed in a special meeting when it is delivered to the school. The consequences for violation of classroom and school rules may range from a warning to out of school suspension depending of the nature of the offense and whether such consequences have or have not been assigned by board of education policy. In the absence of assigned consequences for an offense, the school administration reserve the right to decide what consequences is appropriate for the violation of school rules.

Dress Code

A student shall not dress, groom wear or use emblems, insignias, badges, or symbols where the effect thereof is to distract unreasonably the attention of other students or otherwise to cause disruption or interference with the operation of the school. The principal of other duly authorized school official shall determine whether any particular mode of dress, apparel, grooming, or use of emblems, insignias, badges, or other symbols result in such interference or disruption, as to violate this rule and shall give notice of such interference or disruption, and its cause, to all students by announcement or posting at the school. (Please see rule 14 in the RCBE Code of Student Conduct and Discipline).

Highlights of Rule 14

1. Body Piercing - No earrings (male) or body piercing (male or female).
2. Head dress (hats, sweat bands and scarves which are meant to be worn outside) is not to be worn inside the school building. Further, caps and any other head wear is to put in the locker or book bag for the entire day. Students are not allowed to keep their cap, etc. in their hand, on belt, etc.
3. Shirts or Blouses – Shirts including all T-shirts may be worn on the outside of pants, shorts, etc. However, shirt length may not exceed the fingertips with hands at straight down while standing tall. Unacceptable attire includes clothing that exposes the torso such as see through garments, halters, spaghetti straps, backless

dresses, tube tops, tank tops, or muscle shirts, bare midriff outfits, or shirts or blouses that are tied at, or may rise above the waist.

Skirts, shorts, skorts and dresses – Skirts, shorts and skorts must be fitted at the waist and should be at the knee area in length. Note: As a rule of thumb parents may use a dollar bill, held sideways, for a measurement of no more than 2 1/2 inches from the crease at the back of the knee.

4. Pants and shorts – All pants, including jeans, must be of traditional style without cutouts. They must not be baggy or oversized and not sagging or frayed at the bottom. (See RCBE Code of Conduct and Discipline for discipline consequences)

Rule 1r

Cell phones may be brought into the school building during regular school hours. If a student chooses to bring his/her cell phone to school, the phone may not be used, seen or heard from the time the student steps onto campus in the morning until 2:30. Phones may be allowed on extracurricular field trips for the sole and singular purpose of allowing the student to notify a parent or guardian as to any emergency or to arrival times and places.

Cell phones which are confiscated shall be promptly labeled with the owner’s name, the serial number, the name of the school, and the date the cell phone was confiscated. The cell phone will be kept in the school vault for 30 days at which the parent may pick up the phone. The second offense will result in 60 day confiscation. The third offense will result in loss of the phone for the remainder of the year. A fourth offense will result in a referral to a tribunal for alternative school. Along with each confiscation each offense will carry ISS or OSS. Please refer to the Richmond County Board of Education Student Code of Conduct and Discipline.

Rule 12

Tardiness

A student is tardy when he or she enters the classroom or homeroom after the ringing of the tardy bell.

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| 1 – 10 Tardies | Verbal notification to student by the teacher or appropriate school Official. (Parents will be notified in writing on or around the 5 th tardy) |
| 11 th Tardy | Three (3) days of suspension |
| 12 – 15 Tardies | Verbal and written notification to student by the appropriate school official. |
| 16 th Tardy | Five (5) days of suspension |
| 17 – 20 Tardies | Verbal and written notification to student by the appropriate school official. |
| 21 st Tardy | Ten (10) days of suspension and may result in a recommendation or expulsion . |

Rule 10

Attendance Policy - Juveniles (15 and under) are subject to Truancy Laws. For the purposes of reporting truancy, truant is defined as any child who has more than five days of unexcused absences during the academic year.

Notice to Department of Motor Vehicles. In accordance with O.C.G.A. 40-5-22, the School Board shall notify the DMV if a student has dropped out of school without

graduating and has remained out of school for ten (10) consecutive days; or has more than ten (10) school days of unexcused absences in any semester of has been suspended For violating Rule 4, Rule 5, Rule 6(d) or Rule 7 or the Code of Conduct or any sexual offense prohibited under Chapter 6, Title 16 of O.C.G.A. (See attached DSS form)

ARC Clubs and Organizations

Academic Decathlon Team—Students are involved in local and state competition. Teams are made up of 3 “A” students, 3 “B” students and 3”C” students. These students represent their school in various academic bowl tournaments.

Sponsor:

ACE (Academic and Creative Enrichment)—Promotes additional gifted program activities. It is an extension of the gifted program.

Sponsor:

Art Club—Promotes art activities in the school and community.

Sponsor:

Chorus—Promotes school spirit by singing at concerts in the school, in other school, and in the community.

Sponsor:

Drama Club—Provide students an opportunity to experience all facets of a theatrical production....Our mission is to help students develop strong work ethics, learn to work in all areas of theatre, with all kinds of people, while learning to prioritize their time, maintain their grades, problem solve and persevere until the job is completed in an excellent manner.

Sponsor:

Drill Team—Represents the school in community parades, military parades and competes interscholastically with other drill teams throughout the Southeast. Limited to JROTC members.

Sponsor:

Junior Council—Promotes many worthwhile activities for the student body, coordinates homecoming activities and prom.

Sponsor:

FBLA (Future Business Leaders of America)—Promote leadership and job skills and training through competitions and workshops.

Sponsor:

Band—The band program will enrich students' knowledge of music through performance of literature that will enable each member to learn to make good musical judgments, learn about the history of music and express themselves through the performance of the music. Band members compete at District Band and All-State competitions. They also perform the half time shows during football season and concerts at various times throughout the school year. Students also attend band camp.

Band Director:

FCCLA (Family Career Community Leaders of America)—Promote family and consumer growth. Promotes a growing appreciation of the jobs and satisfactions of home-making . Any student who has had homemaking in either middle or senior high school is eligible.

Sponsor:

Senior Council—Promotes activities such as Senior Week

Sponsor:

Student Council—Promotes school spirit and citizenship. Students are nominated and voted on by their peers

Sponsor:

Color Guard—JROTC unit that present colors at different events at school and at other venues.

Sponsor:

Rifle Team—Represents ARC in all rifle marksmanship competitions and is not limited to JROTC cadets.

Key Club—Community service oriented club. Affiliated with the Uptown Kiwanis.

Sponsors:

BETA—The mission of the BETA club is to create enthusiasm for scholarship, to stimulate a desire to render service, to promote leadership and to develop character in students. Must have an overall average of 90 in full credit subjects taken.

Saber Club—Provides entertainment and recreation for the members of the club, betterment of the Military Dept. Membership is limited to cadet officers in JROTC.

SADD Club (Students Against Drunk Driving)—Promotes an awareness of the dangers of driving while under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

Science Olympiad—Promote critical thinking and problem-solving skills. Builds a competitive spirit through applying Science in technology, engineering and lab events.

TSA (Technology Student Association)—Open to students in the Technology classes. Promotes technological literacy, leadership, and problem solving, resulting in personal growth and opportunity.

VOCA (Vocational Opportunity Club of America)—VOCA is designed for students enrolled in CVAE classes and at least on vocational class.

Pep Club—Promotes school spirit for various sports.

Yearbook—The mission of the yearbook staff is to provide a resource to students, faculty and alumni which captures the most outstanding and memorable moments of the year and records the history of the school. Students wishing to be on yearbook must apply.

Sponsor: Ms. Streets

Interact Club—A civic oriented club that is involved in school and community service projects.

FCA (Fellowship of Christian Athletes)—Promotes character and citizenship for all members. Membership is open to all athletes.

Math Team—Students compete against other high school on the local, state and district levels.

Richmond Academy Club and Activities Acknowledgement Form

By our signatures, my parent/guardian and I hereby acknowledge that we have received, read and understand the information about the clubs and organizations offered to students at Richmond Academy.

By our signature, my parent/guardian and I hereby acknowledge that we have received, read the statement below.

I DO NOT wish for my child to participate in the WHS clubs and/or organizations checked below:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Academic Decathlon Team | <input type="checkbox"/> ACE | <input type="checkbox"/> Animation | <input type="checkbox"/> Art Club |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Blue and Gold | <input type="checkbox"/> Chorus | <input type="checkbox"/> Drama Club | <input type="checkbox"/> Drill Team |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Junior Council | <input type="checkbox"/> FBLA | <input type="checkbox"/> Band | <input type="checkbox"/> FCCLA |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Senior Council | <input type="checkbox"/> Key Club | <input type="checkbox"/> Student Council | <input type="checkbox"/> SADD |
| <input type="checkbox"/> National Honor Society | <input type="checkbox"/> SADD | <input type="checkbox"/> Color Guard | <input type="checkbox"/> TSA |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Peer Mediator | <input type="checkbox"/> Key Club | <input type="checkbox"/> Yearbook | <input type="checkbox"/> FCA |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Science Olympiad | <input type="checkbox"/> Interact | <input type="checkbox"/> VOCA | <input type="checkbox"/> Math |

Student Signature

Date

Parent Signature

Date

Please detach this page after signing and have your student return to his/her first period teacher during the first week of school.

Athletics

Eligibility

All first time ninth graders are eligible to participate during the first semester. At the end of each semester, all students wishing to participate must be passing at least 5 of the 7 courses being taken.

Also, all students must be on track for graduation;

Entering 10th grade must have at least 5 units of credit.

Entering 11th grade must have at least 10 units of credit.

Entering 12th grade must have at least 16 units of credit.

Eligibility can be gained or lost at the end of the previous semester.

Age

To be eligible to participate in interscholastic activities, a student must not have reached his/her 19th birthday prior to May 1st. preceding his year of participation.

Limits of Participation

Students must have a certificate of an annual physical examination on file at the school prior to participating in any athletic try-outs, practices or games that indicate that the students are physically approved for participation.

Physical examinations will be good for 12 months.

The physical exam must be done by a licensed medical physician or PA.

The exam must be signed by the doctor.

A student has 8 consecutive semesters or 4 consecutive years of eligibility from the date of entry into the ninth grade to be eligible for interscholastic competition.

Athletic Director Chris Hughes

Varsity Football Fall

Head Coach Chris Hughes
 Asst. Coach Gene Crislip
 Asst. Coach Coach Stewart
 Asst. Coach Coach Johnson
 Asst. Coach Coach Buckshaw

Cheerleaders Fall

Head Coach Ms. Morris and Ms. Dukes

Varsity Softball Fall

Head Coach Mr. Abbott
 Asst. Coach

JV Coach

Volleyball Fall

Head Coach Carol McCullough

Cross County Fall

Head Coach Kevin Shirey

Boy Varsity Basketball Winter

Head Coach Steve Nobles
 Asst. Coach Shawn Bradley
 J.V. Coach Shawn Bradley

Girls Varsity Basketball Winter

Head Coach Carol McCullough
 Asst. Coach
 J.V. Coach

Wrestling Winter

Head Coach Michael Buckshaw

Swimming Winter

Head Coach

Cheerleaders Winter

Head Coach

Baseball Spring

Head Coach Steven Leathers
 Asst. Coach
 JV Coach

Soccer Spring

Boys Brian Holcombe
 Girls Kevin Scheyer

Track Spring

Boys Larry Lee
 Girls Michael Buckshaw

Golf Spring

Boys/Girls Gene Crislip

Tennis Spring

Boys/Girls

2.6 Georgia High School End of Course Test

End of Course Tests (EOCT) are state mandated achievement tests that measure how well students are performing in four core subject areas. Any student enrolled in and/or receiving credit for an EOCT course, regardless of grade level, is required to take the EOCT upon completion of that course. The EOCT are the final exams for the EOCT courses. The student's final grade in the EOCT course will be calculated using the course grade as 85% and the EOCT score as 15%.

EOCT courses are:

Ninth Grade Literature and Composition

American Literature and Composition

Algebra I

Geometry

Physical Science

Biology

United States History

Economics/Business/ Free Enterprise

2.7 Georgia High School Graduation Test

The Georgia High School Graduation Test is one of the requirements for earning a high school diploma for all students entering 9th grade after July 1, 1991. The test was administered for the first time in the spring of 1994 when students who entered 9th grade in 1991-92 were in the 11th grade.

The test is curriculum-based. The GHSGT focuses on the parts of the Georgia Quality Core Curriculum (QCC) for grades 9-12 which all students should have had an opportunity to learn between the 9th and 11th grades. The State Board of Education determines what objectives will be tested. The subject areas are: writing, English and/or language arts, mathematics, social studies, science, and health. The tests will emphasize critical thinking skills and will test content beyond the level of basic competence in the six areas.

Each of the six areas will be scored separately and a passing score in each area will be required. Once a test for an area is passed, the student will not have to retake that area test. It is anticipated that students will have four opportunities to take the test, if necessary, before the end of their 12th grade year, with the first opportunity in the spring of the 11th grade and opportunities in the fall, winter, and spring of the 12th grade year. Students who meet course requirements for a diploma but have failed any part of the GHSGT will receive a certificate of performance. Students who receive a certificate of performance may continue to take the test under the rules of the Georgia Department of Education at the times it is normally administered.

2.8 Graduation Requirements
RICHMOND COUNTY GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS
Initiated with the ninth grade class of 2002-2003

	PROGRAMS OF STUDY		
	College Preparatory + Technical/Career- Preparatory*	College Preparatory*	Technical/Career- Preparatory*
English/Language Arts	4	4	4
Mathematics (Algebra 1 or its equivalent & above)	4	4	3
Science	3	3	3
Social Studies	3	3	3
Foreign Language (must be the same Language)	2	2	0
Health & Physical Ed (may be accomplished through 2 yrs JROTC)	1	1	1
Computer Applications or Business Computers	.5	.5	.5
Technical/Career	4	1	4
Fine Arts	1	1	1
Electives (Core, Tech/Career, Foreign Lang., Fine Arts, PE	2.5	5.5	5.5
TOTALS	25	25	25

SEAL OF DISTINCTION			
	College Preparatory+ Technical/Career Preparatory	College Preparatory	Technical/ Preparatory
Minimum Units for Graduation	25	25	25
Additional Courses from Core and/or Fine Arts	2	2	1
Additional Elective Course	0	0	1
TOTALS	27	27	27

2.8 Graduation Requirements
RICHMOND COUNTY GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS
In Accordance with the *RCBOE Academic Reform Initiative*
the ninth grade class of 2007-2008 (and succeeding years)
will adhere to the following requirements for graduation.

REQUIRED AREA OF STUDY	COLLEGE PREPARATORY	COLLEGE PREPARATORY (With Distinction)
English/Language Arts	4	4
Mathematics (Algebra 1 or its equivalent & above)	4	4
Science	3	3
Social Studies	3	3
Foreign Language (must be the same Language)	2	2
Health and Physical Ed (may be accomplished through 2 yrs JROTC)	1	1
Fine Arts	1	1
Career and Technical Education **	4	4
Additional; course from core and /or Fine Arts	No specific requirements	2
Other Electives (Core, Tech/Career, Foreign Lang., Fine Arts, PE)	3	3
TOTALS	25	27

Academy of Richmond County Consent for Internet Access

My child has my permission to use the Internet and all World Wide Web resources available at the Academy of Richmond County. The sole reason for the use of the Internet is for curriculum related projects and/or instruction.

After reading the Internet policies for the school and county, I understand fully that my child is to comply with rules set forth in these policies. (The Internet policies for the school and county can be found on the reverse side of this document.)

By signing this document, I am stating that I have read and discussed with my child the importance of complying with all rules set forth by the school and county concerning the school's computer network and the Internet.

It is understood by both of us that any infraction or violation of these rules can lead to loss of this privilege and possibly, criminal prosecution as governed by the Georgia "Computer Systems Protection Act," Code 1981, 16-9-90, enacted by Ga. L. 1991, P1045.

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____

Please sign and print your name on the line above.

Signature of Student: _____

Please sign and print your name on the line above.

Date: _____

Advisement Teacher: _____

* Note: Consent forms will be kept on file in the library media center. It is the student's responsibility to inform the adult on duty in the library media center that he/she will be using the Internet and to present their school ID badge before utilizing the computers.

Academy of Richmond

School Web Page and Video Release

It is the policy of the Richmond County Board of Education to allow reasonable access to students for the purpose of using and/or producing photographs, videos, movies, recordings, likenesses, and/or the voice of any student for the internal and external promotional and information activities of the Richmond County School System so long as such activities are legal, including the protection afforded by the Family Education Rights to Privacy Act (FERPA) any and privacy rights granted under general legal protections.

This policy is subject to the following conditions:

1. The Superintendent or his designee (currently, the Public Information Director) must grant prior permission to allow a request for the use of a photograph(s) or any other medium stated above. The Superintendent or his designee shall have the right to refuse any such referral for photograph or other internal or external promotional or informational activity publicity.
2. The parent or guardian of the student, if the student is under 18 years of age, must have consented in advance in writing by executing a Photo and Video Release Form.
3. The School District will use its best efforts to have the Photo and Video Release Form executed upon the registration of each child into the School District each year.
4. This Photo and Video Release Form shall be on file in the appropriate school and be referenced upon request to confirm if such student has permission for photographs or other promotional or instructional activities
5. It is understood that when employees and students attend meetings that are under the Open Meetings Act that the media can take photographs and the likenesses that might personally identify the parent or student notwithstanding this policy. Examples are School Board meetings and School Council meetings.
6. The Photo and Video Release Form to be used shall be the one attached hereto and made a part hereof. The Superintendent has authority to modify the release if circumstances warrant it.
7. The photographs, video, movie, recording, likeness and or voice of the student may be used by the media solely for the event for which it was taken.
8. Certain students from Abuse Shelters or students classified as homeless under the Stewart-McKinney Act attend Richmond County schools. The school officials will not include these students automatically under this policy. The identity of these students will be protected unless the guardian and shelter official agree at the time, not in advance.

I do hereby grant Richmond County Schools the unlimited right to use and/or produce photographs, likenesses or the voice of my child in any legal manner and for the internal and external promotional and informational activities of Richmond County Schools. I also agree to allow my child's work and/or photograph to be published on the Richmond County School Internet web site, and RCBOE publications. I further understand that my signing this release, I waive any and all present or future compensation rights to the use of the above stated materials.

Parent/Guardian

Signature: _____

Please sign and print your name on the line above.

Date: _____

7.16 Teenage Driver Responsibility Act

Georgia Department of Education Office of Technology Services

Implementation of the Teenage and Adult Driver Responsibility Act

October 30, 1997

The *Teenage and Adult Driver Responsibility Act*, known during the 1997 session of the Georgia General Assembly as “House Bill 681,” requires that local school systems certify whether or not a student’s attendance pattern and discipline record allow him or her to have a Georgia Driver’s permit or license. This section of the law will become effective on January 1, 1998. The Department of Education is working with the Department of Public Safety to facilitate the reporting of this information.

The following is an outline of the implementation process of the *Teenage and Adult Driver Responsibility Act*:

- I. The local school district’s Central Office is required by this law to receive information from the public schools in its district, private schools, and home schools regarding students 15- through 17-years old whose driver licenses are to be revoked or not issued according to the provisions of the law. Such a student is one who:
 - Has more than ten consecutive school days of unexcused absences in any semester or combination of two consecutive quarters; or
 - Has been suspended from school for:
 - a. threatening, striking, or causing bodily harm to a teacher or other school personnel;
 - b. possession or sale of drugs or alcohol on school property; or
 - c. possession or use of a weapon on school property. For purposes of this subparagraph, the term “weapon” shall not include any part of an archeological or cultural exhibit brought to school in connection with a school project. O.C.G.A. S40-5-22 (a.1)

- II. Students must provide the Georgia Department of Public Safety Licensing Department with a certificate of attendance. The certificate of attendance must be signed by a school official and notarized. Please allow 2-3 days for completion of the process. A certificate of attendance is included in your handbook or available through the office.