

Rogers Adventist School Junior High Handbook 2022-23

He has shown you, O man, what is good.
And what does the Lord require of you?
But to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly
with your God.
~Micah 6:8



Welcome

Welcome to Junior High! Your 7th and 8th grade years here at RAS will be different from previous years you have experienced. Your classes will be harder and your teachers will expect more responsibility from you. But you will also make new, life-long friends and experience a level of independence reserved for the oldest and wisest Rogers students. This handbook will give you vital information that will help you succeed. Keep it someplace where you can reference it throughout the year if needed. We are glad you are here and we are looking forward to a great year.

Mr. Christensen
Mrs. Busby
Mrs. Duncan
Mrs. Gish

Attendance

Attendance is taken at the beginning of each period, not just the beginning of the day. It is your responsibility to be in your seat when the bell rings. If you are not in your seat when the bell rings you will be marked as tardy. Three tardies equals an absence. Three unexcused absences will result in a visit with the Academic & Behavior Committee.

Understand that your attendance affects what you learn at school. It is essential to attend regularly and to be on time to each class. The only time you will be out of class is when you have a teacher's specific permission. Absences and tardies are only excused for a doctor's appointment, illness, or a death in the family/ funeral. When it is necessary for you to miss school for an excused reason, your parent or guardian must notify the office. All absences will be considered unexcused until the office is notified.

If you become sick at school, before you call your parent, you will ask your teacher to excuse you to go to the office. You will not call your parent from a cell phone.

If you need to leave early due to illness or an appointment, it is your responsibility to fill out a check-out pass signed by all of your teachers and give it to the office personnel before you leave.

Right Place, Right Time

First thing in the morning, you will go to your homeroom for announcements and worship. The bell rings at 8:00, if you are not in your seat when the bell rings you are considered tardy. After worship you have two classes before lunch. In the afternoon you have math followed by your fine arts class and PE.

*See attached schedules for details

Be Prepared

You will arrive at class with all the materials you need. You will not be in your seat for the bell and then immediately excuse yourself to finish getting ready in the hallway. Below is a list of supplies you may need throughout the year. Your teacher will inform you what to bring to class each day. Notice that some materials are purchased and provided for you, others you will need to provide yourself. If you do not come to class with the materials you need, a teacher may or may not have extras for you. Do not plan on the teacher having extra materials.

Supplies provided for you:

- Pencils, mechanical pencils, & lead
- Erasers
- Art Supplies (paint, brushes, Sharpies, markers, glue, etc.)
- Paper
- Scissors
- Notebooks & composition journals
- Rulers
- And More

Others supplies you need:

- Face mask/ shield
- Bible- New Living Translation preferred
- PE shoes- see page 6
- 7th graders: 1 box of tissues
- 8th graders: 1 container of Clorox/ disinfectant wipes
- Calculator
 - 7th & 8th grade math: basic 4 function calculator with fractions
 - Pre-Algebra: Scientific calculator
 - Algebra 1 & Geometry: Scientific calculator (TI 83 or higher recommended, but not required)

Academics

Throughout the year you will be rotating to different core classes. You don't have the same classes all year like you did in 6th grade. Your two morning periods will rotate between: Bible, History, Language Arts, and Science, depending on the quarter. In the afternoon you will always have Math, Study Hall, PE, and a fine arts class.

Homework

Each teacher has the right to assign homework. It is your responsibility to keep track of assignments and projects, check points, and due dates. You will use a planner, assignment book, or another system that works for you to keep track of what you need. You should expect 1-1½ hours of homework each day between all of your classes. Study hall is a great opportunity to work on homework. You will use this time to work on any outstanding assignment. You can't just save it all to work on at home. Any assignment you don't finish during class or during study hall will be taken home and finished by the due date or it will be considered late.

Late Work

Late assignments will not be accepted for full credit without a legitimate excuse. You will earn only 70% of your actual score for unexcused late assignments.

Missing Work

It is your responsibility to keep track of when assignments are due. If you fall behind it is your responsibility to get caught up. You can check all of your current grades on RenWeb. Teachers are happy to answer questions about grades any time they are not actively teaching. It is your responsibility to ask them if you have a question about your grade. Teachers have deadlines throughout the quarter for missing work. Anything not turned in by these deadlines will result in no credit. You will absolutely, positively, **not** be able to save all missing work for the end of the quarter.

RenWeb

RenWeb is the school's learning management system and it is updated regularly. This is where you can find your grades for any class at any time. It is your responsibility as the student to know your grade in each class and whether or not you have missing/ late assignments. In the gradebook "p" means pending and the teacher has received the assignment, but not graded it yet. An "m" means the teacher has not received the assignment and it will be considered late.

Poor Grades

Failure is a choice. If you choose to fail, you know that you may have to repeat that grade level. Retention of a student who fails a class becomes a matter of discussion between the student, parents, and teachers/ staff. An eighth grader who chooses to fail will not be allowed to graduate or participate in graduation ceremonies.

"Retention may be considered for a student who has not met minimum requirements in three (3) major subjects (Bible, reading, English, math, social studies or science). After the instructor

has counseled with the student, parent(s), and principal and has consulted with the conference superintendent of schools, retention may be recommended.” NPUC ED Code 2126:88

From time to time, throughout the school year, special activities are scheduled in place of regular classes. It is your responsibility to make sure that you are not behind in your work or have less than 70% in any class, or you may not be able to participate.

RAS Junior High Grading Scale

A 93-100%	B+ 87-89%	C+ 77-79%	D+ 67-69%	F < 60%
A- 90-92%	B 83-86%	C 73-76%	D 63-69%	
	B- 80-82%	C- 70-72%	D- 60-62%	

Study Hall

Monday- Thursday you will have a study hall period unless special arrangements are made. Study Hall may or may not be with your homeroom teacher. There will always be one room that is a structured and **silent** study hall specifically for those who need a quiet and more structured space to complete their homework or back work. Each week students with grades below 70% will meet with the school counselor and/or the principal to create a plan to improve those grades. Part of that plan may include placement in the structured study hall.

Regular study hall rooms will be quiet and productive. It is the student's responsibility to work on school work if possible. It is not allowed to save everything to work on at home if you have a free study hall period. If you choose to be a disruption during study hall you may be moved to a different room for the remainder of the day.

Fine Arts & PE

You will enroll in one fine arts class. Options may include: band, orchestra, choir, hand bells, steel drums, art, and yearbook. Placement in these classes depends on previous experience, ability, class sizes, and students' wishes. If there is limited room in a given class, 8th graders have precedence. You understand that you may be given homework and/or asked to practice for your fine arts class. Occasionally, based on past grades, maturity, and responsibility, a student may be allowed to enroll in more than one fine arts class.

You will participate in PE twice a week unless you have a written excuse from your parent or your doctor. A note from the doctor is requested when a physical ailment or injury necessitates missing PE for more than two classes. Junior High PE is a dress-down class. It is your responsibility to make sure you have PE clothes and shoes for class. Before each class you will change your clothes in the PE locker rooms. **You will not** change in any other school bathrooms. After class you will change back into your uniform clothes, unless PE is your final class of the day.

After School Sports

Throughout the year there are after school sports options that you have the opportunity to join. You are eligible to participate if you maintain at least a 70% in all of your classes. Grades are reported to the Athletic Director and your coach(es) on Sunday each week. You must also maintain good standing in the school by avoiding disciplinary action such as In-School Suspension or Out-of-School Suspension.

Responsibilities

In junior high you have many responsibilities. These include:

- Maintaining your grades
- Showing up on time to your classes
- Keeping track of your personal belongings
- Using personal & school technology appropriately
- Being a positive example to other students
- Treating everyone as Jesus would

Discipline Procedures

At the beginning of the school year each teacher will publish and explain to his/her students classroom rules procedures and the consequences for choosing not to cooperate. Parents will be given this information during Back-to-School night. Parents are notified by phone or in writing when their child has been sent to the principal because of serious or repeated misbehavior. When a student is sent to meet with the principal, they work together to reach these goals:

Discovery of Fact: Every reasonable effort will be made to understand what actually happened, who did what, when, where, why and how.

Personal Accountability: Once we clearly understand what happened, the student is then encouraged to accept responsibility for his/her choices or actions.

Restitution and Reconciliation: Once the student has accepted responsibility, he/she then comes up with an acceptable plan for restitution and reconciliation.

Strategic Planning for the Future: In reaching this goal the student identifies things he/she could do to help him/her avoid misbehaving in the future.

Commitment: The student lets his/her parent know what happened and what he/she plans to do. He/she commits to the parents, teacher, and principal to following through on his/her plan.

Consequences: Administration will assign consequences they deem as both age and situationally appropriate. If a student does not correct the at risk behavior, he/she may be eligible for expulsion.

Personal Belongings

You will keep your backpack and other belongings in your locker and keep your locker locked. Only school provided locks are allowed. Nothing is to be left in the hall, the bathroom, or any classroom. Any forgotten personal belongings will be placed in the lost and found cupboard below the junior high display case. You will use only your assigned locker and lock and you will keep your combination a secret. Please treat all school property and lockers kindly. Do not kick them shut, or slam them shut with clips or straps in the way. You will be financially responsible for any damage to your lock or locker.

You realize that your locker is the property of the school and, under certain circumstances, may be inspected by school authorities.

Daily Check Out

At the end of each school day you will return to your homeroom for dismissal. At 2:55 (11:55 on Fridays) you will retrieve your belongings from your locker and return to your seat in your homeroom classroom. From there your teacher will dismiss you when your pick up number is called.

Cell Phones & Smart Watches

RAS has a cell phone policy. It is your responsibility to use these devices appropriately. You must have a signed cell phone contract on file at school to have a cell phone at school. If you bring a cell phone to school it will be kept off and in your locker throughout the day. You may only use it for specific purposes after asking your teacher and while in their presence. You understand that if you are seen by a teacher using a phone anywhere except in the direct presence of a teacher, your phone will be taken and given to the front office.

If you have an Apple Watch or other smart watch, it will not be a distraction during class or you will need to leave it at home or in your locker. You will not text, browse the internet, or play games during the school day on your device or you risk losing the privilege of wearing it.

*See RAS handbook for specific details about cell phones and other devices.

Dress Code

You are expected to wear clothes according to the uniform dress code any time you are attending school. Occasionally, special activity days may be declared non-uniform days.

Helpful reminders:

- Skirts and jumpers must at least approach the knee and are always to be worn with opaque leggings, tights, or fitted, knee-length shorts.
- Shorts should be long enough to approach the knee

- Plain, crew neck or hoodie sweatshirts are allowed over your collared shirt. They may be **navy blue, light blue, forest green, white, black, or red** only, even if worn outside. Only outside coats or ski jackets may be alternate colors.
- No jewelry is allowed

*The full uniform policy can be found in the RAS handbook

Eighth Graders

Officers

Eighth grade officers are chosen after 1st quarter grades are finalized. If you wish to be eligible to hold office, you will:

- Show responsibility for your actions and work
- Be a positive role model for other students at RAS
- Develop good relationships with others
- Behave in a way that will bring honor to God, RAS, your class, and your family
- Maintain grades above a C

Awards Ceremony

Each spring before graduation, there is a special junior high awards ceremony at RAS celebrating things like academic achievement, special honors, and the Student of the Year. There are numerous awards given out at this ceremony. Most awards are given to 8th graders, although 7th graders are eligible for some awards. Academic awards are based on GPA and class grades. Eighth grade awards are based on things like attendance, participation, grades, school influence, and other aspects of your life as a Rogers student.

Eighth Grade Trip

Each year the eighth grade class trip is taken in the spring close to graduation. This trip is an integral part of the school program and an excellent opportunity to spend quality time together as a graduating class. All eighth graders are expected to attend. Before you leave on the trip all of your work will be completed to the best of your ability. If you have missing work or any grade below a C- you may not be able to participate. Throughout the year you will demonstrate that you can manage yourself, be responsible, be respectful, and cooperate with other students, parents and teachers. The cost will be about \$200 per student. As a mature eight grader, you will talk with your parents about raising money to pay for this trip yourself. The school provides some opportunities for earning money to reduce the cost of this trip. If you need to earn money, you can talk with your teachers about these opportunities.

Graduation

Eighth grade graduation is held on the final Wednesday of the school year. Although 8th graders wear robes for the service, all students- including 7th graders- will wear Sabbath/ dress clothes. It is important that 8th graders wear dress clothes under your robe since you return your robe immediately following the ceremony before the reception begins. Graduation attire is expected to be modest. The graduation fee of \$70 covers flowers, musicians, programs, reception, etc.

“All students receiving an eighth grade diploma from schools in the North Pacific Union Conference shall have successfully completed prescribed studies (i.e., received passing grades) in:

<i>Religion</i>	<i>English</i>
<i>Mathematics</i>	<i>Spelling</i>
<i>Social Studies</i>	<i>Physical Education</i>
<i>Reading</i>	<i>Science-Health</i>
<i>Fine Arts</i>	<i>Keyboarding</i>

Additional experiences in Technology, Practical Arts, Life Skills, Outreach and Community Service are highly recommended.” NPUC ED Code 2112:02