

# WESTSIDE HIGH SCHOOL

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**May 24, 2025**

Dear Parents and Guardians,

This communication includes what promoted and retained means in High School as the criteria differs from students in grades K-8.

**Final report cards will be mailed home on May 28, 2025.** These report cards will show whether your student has been **promoted** or **retained**. In the event there are unexpected delays with mail delivery, we encourage you to check your student's **final grades in Infinite Campus**. Grades can be accessed through the student's account on LaunchPad or your **Parent Portal Infinite Campus account**. This will ensure you have the information you need in time to register for **on-site summer school** if necessary (summer school details below).

Please be aware that **promotion** at the high school level means that a student has earned the minimum number of credits required to be classified in a specific grade level. This classification primarily determines homeroom assignments and does **not** confirm that a student is on track for graduation.

- 5 credits to be promoted to a Sophomore (10<sup>th</sup> grade)
- 11 credits to be promoted to a Junior (11<sup>th</sup> grade)
- 18 credits to be promoted to a Senior (12<sup>th</sup> grade)

**Retention** at the high school level means that a student has not earned enough credits to be classified at the next grade level. While retention does not mean the student must retake all courses from that grade level, it does indicate that they should **retake any failed courses—especially those required for graduation under Georgia state guidelines**. Retention is a strong indicator that a student has failed multiple classes and is **not on track to graduate** with their cohort.

**\*See Graduation Requirements below\***

To ensure your child is meeting **Georgia high school graduation requirements**, we strongly encourage you to:

- Maintain regular communication with your student's school counselor.
- Attend parent meetings and informational sessions offered throughout the school year.
- Consistently monitor your student's academic progress and attendance.

Under the **RCSS Grading Policy**, students are offered the opportunity throughout the school year to retake major assessments. While not all students take advantage of this opportunity, doing so can significantly impact their academic success and mastery of content. A **passing average** for all high school courses is **70% or higher**.

**Patriots W.A.R. - Wholehearted, Accountable, and Respectful**

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We urge you to carefully review your student's final report card. **If your student has received a final grade of 69% or lower in any course(s), they must be registered for summer school** to recover those credits. Summer school allows students to stay on track with their graduation cohort and is offered **at no cost** to all RCSS students.

## Georgia High School Graduation Requirements:

To graduate from a Georgia public high school, students must earn a minimum of **23 credits**:

- **English Language Arts:** 4 credits
- **Mathematics:** 4 credits
- **Science:** 4 credits
- **Social Studies:** 3 credits
- **Career, Technical and Agricultural Education (CTAE), Modern Language/Latin, or Fine Arts:** 3 credits
- **Health & Physical Education:** 1 credit
- **Electives:** 4 credits

Again, please note that a **"Promoted"** designation on a high school report card **does not guarantee** that your student is meeting all graduation requirements. Graduation eligibility is based on earned credits in requirements noted in the above areas.

## RCSS On-Site Summer School Registration:

- **Dates:** Tuesday, May 27th and Saturday, May 31st
- **Time:** 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM
- **Location:** Laney High School Gymnasium

## Summer School LOGISTICS

**June 2<sup>nd</sup>:** First Day of Summer Class

**June 19<sup>th</sup>:** Holiday

**June 27<sup>th</sup>:** Last Day of First Day of Summer Class  
(Summer School is Monday-Friday)

**Students who are already pre-registered for summer school do not need to attend on-site registration. If your student is unable to attend Summer School 2025 and/or you miss the on-site registration, please make it a priority to register for Summer School 2026 to get your student back on graduation track!**

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As we conclude the 2024–2025 school year, I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to you for your continued support, partnership, and commitment to your student’s education. This year has been filled with growth, achievement, and intentional efforts toward academic excellence. Your engagement has made a meaningful difference in our school community.

Thank you again for a wonderful school year. We are proud of all that our students have accomplished and look forward to continued success in the future.

Warm Regards,

**Dr. Tikki Middleton**  
Principal  
Westside High School