

2017-18 REGISTRATION AND OPENING OF SCHOOL INFORMATION

All pupils entering Rapid City Schools for the first time must present a certified copy of their birth certificate, immunization records, and social security number. Children entering kindergarten must be five years old on or before September 1, 2017. Kindergarten children are required to have a minimum of 4 doses of OPV/IPV, one of which must be after their fourth birthday; 4 doses of DTaP, one of which must be after their fourth birthday; 2 MMR vaccinations; and 2 varicella vaccinations or a history of chicken pox disease is acceptable with a parent or guardian signature. **All kindergarten students and students from outside the U.S. who enroll will have all age appropriate immunizations completed before the first day of attendance.** These children will not be allowed to start school until this is accomplished.

School entry requirements for South Dakota 6th grade students include: one dose of Tdap vaccine & one dose of MCV4. **The requirements apply only for 6th grade entry and transfer students, 6th – 12th grade.** If a child is 10 years old when entering the 6th grade they have 45 days after their 11th birthday to be vaccinated.

Students in grades 1-12, other than specified above, will be allowed two weeks to present documentation of completed immunizations. After two weeks, students who have not provided documentation of completed immunizations will be excluded from attendance.

All new American Indian students wishing to receive Title VII Indian Education services need to complete a 506 certification form at the beginning of the school year. For more information, contact Indian Education - 394-4071.

BUS SERVICE: Transportation service begins Wednesday, August 30. Students eligible for bus service (K-8th grade residing more than 2.5 miles from their assigned school or in a designated area) must complete a Request for Student Busing Form to ride the bus. Students who have completed a registration form prior to August 18 will receive their bus passes in the mail the week of August 21. Registering after August 18 may delay riding the bus until September 13. Request for Student Busing Forms will be available at schools during school registration. Bus personnel will attempt to notify special education parents prior to the start of school.

SCHOOL BEGINS: Regular classes begin on Wednesday, August 30, 2017. Registration dates for 2017-18 follow:

GRADES K-8

Returning Student Registration – (pre-registered kindergarten students, preschool children and returning **GRADES K-8**), Thursday, August 10, 8:30-3:30. Please complete the **Family Access Online Registration** between June 1 and August 10, 2017. If you have questions or need assistance, please contact your child's school on August 10, 2017.

New Student Registration – (Kindergarten children not pre-registered, students who have moved, and new students to the district K-8); May 1–May 26 at the schools **or** Wednesday, August 9, 8:30-3:30 at the schools. Beginning June 1, 2017, there will be instructions posted to our website (www.rcas.org) for registering your student(s) online. There will be a link to create an account to start your registration. Follow the instructions for registering and regarding bringing requested documents to the school. If you do not have a computer, please go to the school on August 9.

All special needs students are to report to their assigned buildings. Preschool children not pre-registered must contact the preschool site to check availability of openings on Wednesday, August 9.

With the exception of kindergarten students who were pre-registered last spring, the first-come, first-taken registration process is again being used because it seems to be the most reasonable and fair. If a space problem exists at the time of kindergarten registration, home attendance assignment will not be guaranteed.

GRADES K-8 STUDENTS REQUESTING PERSONAL TRANSFERS MUST REGISTER AT THEIR HOME SCHOOL UNLESS THEIR PERSONAL TRANSFER HAS ALREADY BEEN APPROVED.

ELEMENTARY AND MIDDLE SCHOOL ORIENTATION/OPEN HOUSES

K-5	August 25, Orientation 6-6:30 pm; Open House 4-7:30 pm
6-8	August 28, Orientation 4-5:00 pm; Open House 4-7:30 pm

ACTIVITY INFORMATION: Please see the middle and high school activity web pages @ rcas.org for start dates and information.

SENIOR HIGH All high school students are required to have student ID cards. The first photo is free of charge. See Orientation below for schedule.

REGISTRATION* New Students & Students Without Schedules

*Scheduling will not be possible July 18-20 during the district wide data base rollover.

Central	394-4063	Call the school during the summer for an appointment with the Registrar. (Closed July 4)
Stevens	394-4025	Call the school during the summer for an appointment with the Registrar. (Closed July 3-7)
Rapid City High School	394-4028	Call the school during the summer to pick up and turn in registration packets. The Registrar will then call applicants to set up appointments for orientation and scheduling. (Closed July 4)

ORIENTATION & PICTURE/ID's

Central	Aug. 21, 9th grade (student last name A-K) Freshmen House 9 a.m.-1 p.m., CHS Gym Aug. 22, 9th grade (student last name L-Z) Freshmen House 9 a.m.-1 p.m., CHS Gym Aug. 23 10th-12th School picture/ID/Handbook/Schedule pick up CHS Gym between 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Aug. 25, 9th-12th Makeup pictures/ID's CHS Gym between 9 a.m.-1 p.m.
Stevens	School picture/ID's: all students, August 24 & 25, 8 a.m.-3 p.m. SHS commons. Orientation: (9 th grade & new students), August 29, 8 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. SHS Gym, Make up school picture/ID's will be taken August 30 between 8 a.m.-12:00 noon in the front lobby.
Rapid City High School	The Registrar will contact parents to set up orientation. Photo ID pictures will be taken at orientation.

HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSES: August 24, Grades 9-12, 4-7:30 pm

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL, August 30 Report to classes as scheduled except as noted below:

Central	August 30, 8 a.m., Report to classes as scheduled (Red Day)
Stevens	August 30, 8:10 a.m., Report to classes as scheduled.
Rapid City High School	August 30, 8:20 a.m., Report to classes as scheduled.

Nutrition Services: Breakfast and Lunch are available for all students K-12 beginning on Wednesday, August 30. Free and reduced price meal applications are available with online registration. Paper application forms are also available at orientation/open houses and at the Nutrition Services Office at 300 6th St. Applications completed online and those dropped off at the Nutrition Services Office at 300 6th St. will be processed the quickest.