

## **Rio Rancho Cyber Academy**

### **Acceptance Guidelines**

**Rio Rancho Cyber Academy** is an alternative school in the Rio Rancho Public School District. Students at our non-traditional school engage in blended learning where virtual learning is combined with structured face-to-face instruction allowing students to optimize their experience supported by highly qualified teachers on campus.

**Every interested and prospective new student/parent must complete the following:**

1. A pre-enrollment form.
2. Participate in an interview process along with their parent/guardian.
3. During the interview, prospective students must complete an approximately two-hour online skills assessment.

**Other important information:**

01. Previous attendance records, academic records, and behavior records are reviewed and could be a reason not to accept a student at RRCA.
02. If classes are filled, students are put on a waiting list for the following semester or school year.
03. Freshman, sophomore, and junior students are not accepted if they are more than 2 credits behind.
04. Seniors are not accepted if they are behind 1 or more credits and/or they have not passed all high school examinations required for graduation.
05. We allow students to use RRPS/RRCA laptops while on the RRCA campus. (RRPS/RRCA laptops are never to leave the campus.) To maintain progress toward course completion, all students are expected to work on their courses even while not at school during designated days.
06. On the days of their school attendance, RRCA students will attend the classes that are on their schedule of core courses.
07. Students are expected to follow their Edgenuity online assignment calendar (or a teacher-provided calendar) in each course and they are expected to stay on target (in the blue or green) in their assignments. This requires a student to work 5-7 hours daily. Students who will not take initiative to stay on target may be asked to leave RRCA. Since much of the course work is independent, students must have adequate reading comprehension to complete online coursework at grade level.
08. It is mandatory that students take notes in each of the core courses.
09. Communication with the teachers is a key component of a successful experience at RRCA. Students must be committed to letting teachers know when they need any help including the resetting of quizzes and tests. Students must communicate with teachers through Edgenuity email and when they are at school on assigned days. Every teacher has a sign-up sheet on their desk whereby students can sign up to meet with their teacher(s).
10. Edgenuity is a mastery program that prepares students to be more successful in college classes, personal responsibility and scheduling. Students are expected to pass assignments and assessments with 70% mastery.
11. Although students do not physically attend school every weekday, they are expected to work at home. Rio Rancho Cyber Academy welcomes students who are serious in their drive to complete middle school and high school.
12. We offer an accepting, quiet setting with a low pupil to teacher ratio to help students through the rigorous, yet flexible, online courses.
13. Students are required by law to participate in standards based assessments (ie., PARCC and SBA).

For more information, contact, Rio Rancho Cyber Academy at 505-892-7222.

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